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## PREFACE

This Directory has been developed to provide those individuals and organisations with an interest in housing issues and policy with a simple means of finding the statistics they need. It has been apparent over the years that many people are unaware of the wealth of data available or are unsure of where to start looking for data. This Directory is specifically aimed to assist these people.

Every effort has been made to cover all substantial publicly accessible data holdings. However, it has not been possible to include references to all data related to housing. There are two reasons for this; firstly not all organisations are prepared to release data to the general public and secondly, there is much relevant material contained in papers and reports (such as government policy documents or company annual reports) which are too numerous to include. However, these will often be found to be valuable sources of data on particular aspects.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the contents of the Directory are reliable the Australian Bureau of Statistics takes no responsibility for the accuracy of contributions from other agencies.

I would like to thank the many organisations and people who took the time to complete entries for this Directory. It contains 148 entries from 52 organisations. I also thank Graeme Thompson from the ABS Housing Statistics Unit for his efforts in assembling, typing and indexing the entries.

I would encourage organisations wishing to contribute to the Directory or make suggestions for inclusions in future editions to contact the ABS. This may be done by either writing to the Assistant Director, Housing Statistics Unit, Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen 2616, or telephoning Mr James Ashburner on (06) 252 6867.

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## HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

The directory is divided into five parts. Parts A, B, C and E provide access paths to the directory entries themselves which are Part D.

### **PART A - DETAILED TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Lists the entries by broad topic of coverage. Some entries are included under more than one topic heading.

### **PART B - LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS**

Contributors to the directory are listed alphabetically.

### **PART C - LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

Lists the titles of all publications referred to in the entries in alphabetical order. If you are interested in a particular publication, e.g. Building Activity Survey, then this index will direct you to the relevant entry.

### **PART D - DIRECTORY ENTRIES**

Contains 148 entries, from 52 organisations, arranged alphabetically by organisation name.

Each entry contains information on the name of the collecting organisation, contact details, data description, data detail, purpose of data, geographic coverage, frequency of collection/publication, method of collection, historical data availability, confidentiality restrictions, dissemination media and timeliness.

*Prices quoted are subject to revision*

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### Description

The *ACT Economic Report* contains data on

- (a) Labour Market
- (b) Building and Construction Activity
- (c) Housing Finance
- (d) Prices and Expenditure
- (e) Social Statistics

### Data Detail

#### (a) Labour Market

ACT employment by industry - including construction industry

#### (b) Building and Construction Activity

ACT Building and Construction Activity by Private/Public.

Categories are:

- Dwellings - new/other
- Other Buildings
- Total

by - Private/Public/Total

by - Value of work done/Value of work yet to be done/Building Approvals

#### (c) Housing Finance for owner occupation

- Construction of new dwellings
- Purchase of dwellings - New/Established
- Alterations and Additions
- Total

#### (d) Prices and Expenditure - House Price Index

for Established/Project homes  
by Canberra/Australia

Construction Price Indices

for Materials/Labour/Building  
by ACT/Australia/Difference

Consumer Price Index

for Housing/Household equipment and operation

#### (e) ACT Housing Trust Rented Dwellings

- Houses
- Group Flats
- Single Flats
- Aged Persons Units
- Total
- Per cent receiving rebates

**ACT Housing Trust Rental Waiting List**

- Number on list
- New listings
- Allocations

**Rent Relief Scheme**

- New Recipients
- Approved expenditure
- Average Cost

**Purpose of Data**

To provide a concise, timely and comprehensive collection and analysis of ACT demographic, economic, financial and social statistics.

**Geographic Coverage**

All data refer to the ACT. Comparisons are generally made with Australia and sometimes the States.

**Frequency of Collection**

Quarterly.

**Method of Collection**

Statistics derived from ABS, Department of Administrative Services, and ACT Administration sources.

**Historical Data**

Most data within the report are provided for the past four years.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Publication available freely on request.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*ACT Economic Report*

**Media briefings**

**Timeliness**

10 weeks.

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### Description

*Monthly Management Report.*

### Data Detail

The *Monthly Management Report* includes 19 tables and 13 graphs. The tables are:

- Housing stock - giving details of dwelling handovers each month to the ACT Housing Trust and the Trust's total dwelling stock by type of dwelling;
- Dwelling handover by building programs - information on status of the Trust's building programs;
- Status of major new works - brief verbal status summary of the major components of the Trust's construction program;
- Waiting list - the waiting list for each type of available accommodation (houses, group flats, singles flats and aged persons units) in each of the three districts - Belconnen, City and Woden;
- Vacations - the number of vacations for each type of dwelling by reason for vacation;
- Allocations - allocations and transfers for each type of dwelling by type of allocation;
- Vacant dwellings at the end of the month - the number of vacant dwellings by type and the vacancy rate;
- Dwelling vacancy times - the number of days taken from vacation to completion of maintenance and then reallocation;
- Rental arrears - the number of tenants in arrears and the amount to be recovered;
- Recovery action - the number of actions taken each fortnight to terminate rental leases;
- Rental rebates - the number of tenants on rental rebates;
- Priority applications and allocations - the number of applications for priority housing received, approved, rejected, deferred or subject to an appeal;
- Commissioner for Housing Loan waiting list - information on the number of new applications, withdrawals, interviews, transfers and the size of the current waiting list;
- Loans commitment - the amount of funds involved in new loan commitments, cancellations, settlements and the size of the average loan;
- Interest review - information on the number of housing loans interest rate reviews and the number of interest rate adjustments;
- Mortgage and Rent Relief - providing details of the number of applications, approvals and expenditure for both mortgage and rent relief;
- Finance - details of budgeted expenditure and year to date expenditure for all areas of the Housing Trust's operations;
- Ministerial correspondence section - detail of the process status of all Ministerial correspondence received by the Housing Trust;
- Ombudsman complaints - details of all complaints referred to the Housing Trust by the Ombudsman and the action taken on each complaint.

### **Purpose of Data**

The collected data form the *Monthly Management Report*, which is used to provide an outline of the Housing Trust's performance on a number of parameters and chart trends that may lead to action by the Housing Trust.

### **Geographic Coverage**

The data refers only to the ACT. Some of the information is broken down into the district offices of Belconnen, City and Woden.

### **Frequency of Collection**

The information is collected and published (internally to the Trust) monthly. The report is typically published four weeks after the month in review.

### **Method of Collection**

Most of the data is collected manually by the relevant action officers. For example, the information on allocations and vacancies is provided by the Tenancy Officers. Some of the general information is gained from the Housing Trust's ADP section. The sample size in almost all cases is the entire operation of the Trust. The Trust believes that the reliability of the collection is high. It is subject only to non-sampling errors.

### **Historical Data**

The *Monthly Management Reports* have been produced since at least June 1976. However, the data presented in the *Report* have changed several times since then. The current format has been used since December 1985. The new data are held beyond the publication of the *Report*, with the exception of the material from the ADP section. That information is being continually updated so that access to historical data is not available in the ADP system, although hard copy of the historical *Reports* is available.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

While there are no restrictions placed on the information, it is intended to be an internal document. As such the Housing Trust would prefer not to release for external consumption all of the information collected.

### **Dissemination Media**

The *Management Reports* are distributed only within the Housing Trust although they are not considered confidential. Copies would be made available on request, subject to restrictions as indicated above. The *Report* is available only as a paper document.

### **Timeliness**

The *Report* is generally produced within 4 weeks of the reference period.

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### Description

Aboriginal Hostels Limited provides accommodation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in hostels and similar forms of accommodation operated and managed by the Company. The Company also provides funding to community groups to operate hostels. Company-operated and community Support hostels provide accommodation support to government programs in such areas as Aboriginal health, employment, training, education and aged nursing care. The Company provides further help with accommodation to tertiary students through a rental subsidy scheme. This scheme assists tertiary students renting in the private sector and in Company acquired or Company developed housing and boarding-house accommodation.

### Data Detail

Aboriginal Hostels Limited currently operates 55 Company hostels, funds 78 Community Support hostels and has 25 rental subsidy schemes operating.

During 1989-90 the Company provided approximately 3,000 beds to Aboriginal and Islander people. This represented an occupancy figure of 70.3 per cent for all hostels.

The categories of people accommodated included:

- students
- apprentices and trainees
- aged people
- supporting parents
- legal and alcoholic rehabilitees and homeles

### Purpose of Data

Company official records.

### Geographic Coverage

Precise location within all States and Territories.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Information available on request.

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### **Description**

Publication entitled *Landstats: an Annual Profile of Residential Land and Housing Development*.

### **Data Detail**

Data includes:

- residential building approvals and commencements,
- Valuer General sales data on residential land,
- AWDC house and lot counts,
- time-series data on residential lot supply and demand.

Presented in tables (cross classifications), graphs, quarterly number(s), moving annual total(s), median price, average price and C.P.I.

### **Purpose of Data**

Data is collated to monitor growth and residential land supply and to provide background data for formulation of AWDC land development programs. Also, for use by existing and potential investors in the National Growth Centre.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Issues No 1 (1987) and No 2 (1988) covered the Albury-Wodonga urban area. Issue No 3 (1989) has been extended to cover the Albury-Wodonga Statistical District.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Annual.

### **Method of Collection**

ABS publications, Council ABS returns, Valuer General sales data and AWDC surveys.

### **Historical Data**

Data available from 1987.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions.

### **Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Landstats: an Annual Profile of Residential Land and Housing Development*.



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**Name of Collection**  
Building Activity Survey.

**Description**  
Details of building activity, which includes construction of new residential buildings, alterations and additions to existing residential buildings and construction of non-residential buildings, for Australia and all States and Territories.

**Data Detail**  
Number of dwelling units and value (\$m) by various cross classifications:

- ownership (public, private and total)
- classification of building (houses, other residential building, alterations and additions to residential buildings, various non-residential categories)
- class of builder
- value range (\$'000)
- value of work done during period
- value of work yet to be done
- stage of construction (commenced, under construction, completed).

The data cover building activity on a sample of both private sector houses and alterations and additions valued at \$10, 000 or more to private sector houses. All other building activity (new residential buildings, other than private sector houses; all alterations and additions to residential buildings (other than private sector houses) with an approval value of \$10, 000 or more, and all non-residential building jobs with an approval value of \$50, 000 or more) is completely enumerated.

**Purpose of Data**  
To monitor State/National building construction activity and to provide data for users to assist in forecasting trends.

**Geographic Coverage**  
Data published for Australia, all States and Territories. Some data is available for smaller geographic areas in non-published formats.

**Frequency of Publication**  
Quarterly.

**Method of Collection**  
The statistics are compiled from quarterly returns collected from approximately 27,000 builders and other individuals and organizations engaged in building activity throughout Australia. The use of sample survey techniques in the *Building Activity Survey* means that reliable estimates of private sector house building activity, including alterations and additions to houses, are available only at the State/Territory and Australian level and that these figures are subject to sample error.

**Historical Data**  
The *Building Activity Survey* data is available from September quarter 1980. Earlier Building Operations data is available upon request from financial year 1946-47.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

ABS can also make available certain *Building Activity Survey* data which is not published. Small requests may be handled by telephone at no charge to the user. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by microfiche, photocopy, computer printout magnetic tape, floppy disk or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing data in these forms. Unpublished statistics include:

- number, ownership and value of buildings (other than private houses) commenced, completed and under construction and value of work done and yet to be done in local government areas
- number and value of other residential building jobs by stage of construction and size (number of dwelling units created)
- number and value of non-residential buildings by stage of construction, class, ownership and size (value)
- number and value of private house jobs by stage of construction and completion value ranges.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Building Activity Survey, Australia and States* Cat. Nos. 8750.0, 8752.0 - 8752.8. Cost: 8750.0 \$10 (annual subscription \$40); 8752.0 \$13.50 (annual subscription \$54); 8752.1-8752.5, 8752.8 \$10.00 (annual subscription \$40); 8752.6 \$8.00 (annual subscription \$32); 8752.7 \$8.50 (annual subscription \$34)

#### Electronic information services:

- DISCOVERY (\*656#)
- AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

#### Microfiche

#### Magnetic Tape

#### Floppy Disk

#### Computer Printout.

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

### Timeliness

8750.0 about 11 weeks

8752.0 about 15 - 16 weeks

8752.1 - 8752.8 between 13 and 18 weeks.

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**Name of Collection**  
Building Approvals.

**Description**  
Details of building approvals, including new residential buildings, alterations and additions to existing residential buildings and all non-residential buildings, for all States and Territories.

**Data Detail**  
Numbers approved ('000s) and value (\$m) by various cross classifications:

- ownership (private, public and total)
- classification of building (houses, other residential building, additions and alterations to residential buildings, various non-residential categories)
- material of outer wall (6 categories)
- material of roof (5 categories)
- material of floor (4 categories)
- type of work (new, additions and alterations).

The data cover all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10, 000 or more, all approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10, 000 or more and all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50, 000 or more. Some data are available as seasonally adjusted, trend estimate, constant price, or seasonally adjusted constant price figures.

**Purpose of Data**  
To provide a leading indicator of work coming into the building industry and of dwelling units coming into the housing market; the collection also provides the framework for the sample used for the *Building Activity Survey*.

**Geographic Coverage**  
Data published for Australia, all States and Territories, capital cities, and rest of state. Some data are published for statistical divisions, statistical local areas, and local government areas. Data are readily available for smaller geographic areas in non-published formats.

**Frequency of Collection**  
Monthly.

**Method of Collection**  
Statistics are compiled from permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities. Major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative processes (eg. remote mining sites) is also included.

**Historical Data**  
All data available from 1970-71. Some earlier data are available from 1954-55.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by microfiche, photocopy, computer printout, magnetic tape, floppy disk, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Building Approvals, Australia and States* Cat. Nos. 8731.0 - 8731.7. 1991 Cost: 8731.0 \$12.50, (annual subscription \$150); 8731.1, 8731.2, 8731.3, 8731.4, 8731.5 \$10.00, (annual subscription \$120); 8731.6 \$9.50, (annual subscription \$114); 8731.7 \$5.50, (annual subscription \$66)

Other approvals figures available in Cat. Nos. 8733.1, 8733.3, 8733.4 and 8732.5.

**Electronic Information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

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Microfiche

Magnetic Tape

Floppy Disk

Computer Printout

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**Timeliness**

5 weeks.

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### **Name of Collection**

Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities.

### **Description**

Details of commencements of new house and other residential building jobs for all States.

### **Data Detail**

Number of dwelling units commenced (houses, other residential, total) by ownership (Private sector, Public sector). Numbers of houses by material of outer walls are also published in some cases.

### **Purpose of Data**

To provide small area data on residential building jobs commenced.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Data are published by State, statistical division, local authority area, and statistical district. However, no data have been collected or published for either the ACT or the Northern Territory. No national figures are published from this collection.

### **Frequency of Publication**

Monthly and quarterly.

### **Method of Collection**

These data are compiled from reports provided principally by local and other government authorities. For this collection a job is determined to be commenced on the date when either the job is first inspected by an Authority or when the job is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

### **Historical Data**

Dwelling unit commencements have been collected and published from July 1980. No comparable data were collected prior to this date.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Small requests may be handled by telephone at no charge to the user. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data may be provided by microfiche, photocopy, computer printout, magnetic tape, floppy disk, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, States* Monthly publications: Cat. Nos. 8741.1 - 8741.6, 8743.3 Cost: 8741.1 - 8741.5 \$10.00 (annual subscription \$120); 8741.6 \$3.50 (annual subscription \$42) Annual publications: 8743.3 \$10.00

**Microfiche**

**Magnetic Tape**

**Floppy Disk**

**Computer Printout**

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

Approximately 16 weeks

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### Name of Collection

Estimated Stocks of Dwellings in Census Collection Districts and Statistical Local Areas Western Australia.

### Description

Dwelling estimates at the 1986 Census of Population and Housing for each collector's district, to which have been added commencements of house and other residential dwellings and from which demolitions have been deducted, resulting in an approximate stock of dwellings in each collector's district and in each statistical local area.

### Data Detail

Data collected in relation to dwellings include:

- Houses
- Other than houses
- Population in occupied dwellings
- Occupied dwellings
- Total dwellings

as at 30 June 1986 and current update data.

### Purpose of Data

To measure growth areas, the growth in those areas, and changes in the composition of the area.

### Geographic Coverage

Data is available for most urban collection districts, and all Statistical Local Areas (approximating Local Government Areas) in the State of Western Australia.

### Frequency of Publication

Published annually but updates available every 3 months.

### Method of Collection

Basic data is collected at each Census of Population and Housing and updated from other ABS collections (demolitions, commencements).

### Historical Data

Data available from June 1981.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

All data available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication**

*Estimated Stocks of Dwellings in Census Collection Districts and Statistical Local Areas,  
Western Australia.* 30 June 1990, Cat. No. 8705.5, cost \$18.00

**Update:** 3 Quarterly updates total cost \$49.50

**Magnetic Tape**

**Floppy Disk**

Cost \$240 for four tapes/disks

In 1990-91, this information will be available by CD within suburb within Postcode.

**Timeliness**

8-9 weeks after reference period.



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### Name of Collection

Construction Industry Survey (CIS).

### Description

Details of Private Sector Construction by ASIC industry.

### Data Detail

Data relates to the nature and structure of establishments mainly engaged in the construction industry including non-residential building, and other construction. (House /Other residential building). Data items include:

- Number of establishments
- Employment (End of period; Males/Females/Total; On-site/Off-site/Total)
- Wages and salaries
- Financial data (Contract construction work/Sales of speculative construction projects/Capital work done for own use, rental or lease; All other operating revenue; Turnover; Stocks;)
- Payments to contractors; Materials, fuels and other purchases; Other selected expenses; Value added;

### Purpose of Data

For inclusion in Australian National accounts estimates, and for analysis of the construction industry by government and business to assist in policy formation and forecasting.

The data contributes to the measure of Gross Domestic Product.

### Geographic Coverage

Data are published by State or Territory.

### Frequency of Collection

About every five years. Past collections were held in respect of 1978-79 and 1984-85.

### Method of Collection

The CIS is a mail-out survey of private sector establishments engaged in construction activity as defined by Division E of the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC). The size of the sample was some 1,400 multi-establishment management units comprising 2,800 establishments, 5,400 large single establishment management units (with employment size greater than seven), and some 20,000 small single establishment units.

### Historical Data

Similar data are available in respect of 1978-79 and 1984-85. Users should note that direct comparisons between these surveys are difficult due to changes in scope, coverage and methodology.

### Level of Confidentiality/ Availability

All of the data described are available in published form. A charge is made for providing additional unpublished information. The more detailed dissections may not be fully available due to the requirement to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Construction Industry Australia, Preliminary 1988-89*, Cat No. 8770.0 \$10.00

*Construction Industry Australia, Summary of Private Sector Operations* , Cat No. 8771.0 \$20.00

*Construction Industry Australia, Details of Private Sector Operations* , Cat No. 8772.0 \$30.00

**Electronic Information Services:**

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AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

**Magnetic tape**

**Floppy disk**

**Computer printout**

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

*Construction Industry Australia, Preliminary, 1988-89* Cat No. 8770.0 Released October 1990

*Construction Industry Australia, Summary of Private Sector Operations* Cat No. 8771.0 July 1991.

*Construction Industry Australia, Details of Private Sector Operations* Cat No. 8772.0 September 1991.

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### **Name of Collection**

Public Sector Construction Activity Survey (PSCAS), 1988-89.

### **Description**

Details of Public Sector Construction.

### **Data Detail**

Data collected relates to construction work undertaken by or on behalf of public sector authorities.

The data items include:

- employment by occupation
- Type of building and construction (houses/other residential/etc.)
- Type of work (New, alterations, additions, improvements/repair and maintenance)
- Level of Government (Commonwealth/State/Local)
- Sector undertaking work (Own employees/Private sector contractors)

### **Purpose of Data**

To provide a measure of the level of construction and repair & maintenance activity undertaken by the public sector. This collection complements the Construction Industry Survey (CIS).

### **Geographic Coverage**

Data are published by State or Territory.

### **Frequency of Collection**

About every five years. Past collections were held in respect of 1978-79 and 1984-85.

### **Method of Collection**

PSCAS is a complete enumeration of all identified public sector enterprises that had an expenditure of at least \$250,000 on construction and/or repair and maintenance activity during the 1988-89 financial year. Some 1500 public sector enterprises were approached via a mail-out questionnaire.

### **Historical Data**

Similar data are available in respect of 1978-79 and 1984-85. Users should note that direct comparisons between these surveys are difficult due to changes in scope, coverage and methodology.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

All of the data described are available in published form. A charge is made for providing additional unpublished information.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Public Sector Construction Activity, Australia, 1988-89* Cat no. 8775.0 \$15.00

**Electronic Information Services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

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**Magnetic tape**

**Floppy disk**

**Computer printout**

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

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### Description

National accounting aggregates relating to dwelling rent, capital expenditure on dwellings and the ownership of dwellings industry.

### Data Detail

A variety of data are available (all recorded in \$ million). Depending on availability, data may be presented in current or constant prices, original or seasonally adjusted, annual or quarterly.

### Purpose Of Data

National accounts data relating to housing are useful for analysing this sector of the economy and for the development of government housing policies.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Australia for all data items, and by State and Territory for dwelling rent and household income from dwelling rent.

### Frequency Of Collection

National accounts data are published quarterly (5206.0) with annual publication of more detailed tables (5204.0, 5213.0, 5220.0 and 5221.0).

### Method Of Collection

National accounts statistics relating to housing are compiled from a number of sources including *Censuses of Population and Housing*, *Building Activity* statistics, rent component of the *Consumer Price Index*, Public Finance statistics, *Household Expenditure Surveys 1974-75 and 1984*, Financial Enterprise data relating to banks, building societies, credit unions, etc. Details are provided in *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0).

### Historical Data

Quarterly data are available from September 1959. Some annual data also available from 1948-49.

### Level Of Confidentiality/availability

All of the data described are available in published form. In some cases additional or more detailed data can be made available.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Budget Related Paper: National Income and Expenditure* (5213.00)

*Australian National Accounts: National Income and Expenditure* (5204.0 - annual data, 5206.0 - quarterly data).

*Australian National Accounts: State Accounts* (5220.0)

*Australian National Accounts: Estimates of Capital Stock* (5221.0).

#### Electronic information services:

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

*Australian National Accounts: Quarterly data on floppy disk* (5228.0)

# List of Data Items

The following table summarises national accounting aggregates, cross classified with the relevant publication. All data items are published in \$ million. Unless specifically annotated, data is presented in current price terms. (KP refers to the availability of constant price estimates).

DATA ITEM	PUBLICATIONS				
Dwelling rent					
imputed	A		C		
actual	A		C		
total	A <sup>KP</sup>	B <sup>KP</sup>	C <sup>KP</sup>	D	
Deductions (from gross rent to gross operating surplus). Rates and insurance, maintenance, miscellaneous, total.	A				
Gross operating surplus					
total	A			D	
companies and public enterprises	A				
persons	A	B*	C		
Consumption of fixed capital	A				E
Gross fixed capital expenditure					
private	A <sup>KP</sup>				
public enterprises	A				E <sup>KP</sup>
general government	A				E <sup>KP</sup>
total public	A <sup>KP</sup>				
total	A <sup>KP</sup>				E <sup>KP</sup>
Capital stock					
gross/net	A <sup>KP</sup>				E <sup>KP</sup>
public/private	A <sup>KP</sup>				E <sup>KP</sup>
Interest, etc., paid relating to dwellings owned by persons	A				
Income from dwelling	A	B	C	D	

\* annual data only

Legend: A: 5204.0

B: 5206.0

C: 5213.0

D: 5220.0

E: 5221.0

**Timeliness**

5204.0 about 10 months  
5206.0 about 2 months  
5213.0 about 7 weeks  
5220.0 about 11 months  
5221.0 about 10 months  
5228.0 released concurrently with 5206.0

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### Name of Collection

Census of Population and Housing.

### Description

*The Census of Population and Housing* collects data for a wide range of dwelling characteristics including structure, nature of occupancy (tenure), household income and number of persons in a dwelling. Counts of private and non-private dwellings and caravans etc. in caravan parks are also available for all standard geographic areas in Australia. As well as questions on demographic and social topics, a series of dwelling questions have been asked in each census.

The ABS releases census counts on two bases: the census count at place of enumeration; and the census count at place of usual residence. The census count at place of enumeration is based on the enumeration of persons at their actual location on census night. Housing statistics are available only on the basis of place of enumeration and can be provided for individual collection districts (CDs) or any geographic area which can be formed by aggregating CDs.

Note the census defines (private occupied) dwellings as the premises occupied by a household on census night. Where one dwelling is occupied by two or more households this will result in a census count of two or more dwellings.

### Data Detail

Different data characteristics are available for each type of dwelling depending on whether the structure is a private dwelling or a caravan etc. in a caravan park. Characteristics available for each are listed separately below. No data except dwelling counts and type of non-private dwelling are available for non-private dwellings.

#### Private dwellings

- \* nature of occupancy
  - rented dwelling
  - mortgaged dwelling
  - owned dwelling
- \* landlord to whom rent paid
  - housing commission
  - State Housing Authority agency
  - other government
  - other
- \* dwelling rented furnished/unfurnished
- \* amount of rent paid (weekly)
- \* mortgage amount paid (monthly)
- \* dwelling structure type
- \* reason for dwelling unoccupied
- \* number of rooms
- \* household income
- \* number of persons by sex

#### Caravans etc. in a caravan park

- \* household income
- \* number of persons by sex



Definitions of all variables used are provided in *The 1986 Census Dictionary* (2174.0).

### **Purpose of Data**

*The Census of Population and Housing* provides demographic and social information for a variety of geographic areas from CD to total Australia.

In general, the data on private dwellings and caravans etc. in a caravan park are used to provide:

- some indication of dwelling size and overcrowding by calculating occupancy rates;
- an indication of change in tenancy (both public and private) and owner-occupancy rates;
- details of the housing market in Australia and allows for regional variations in home ownership trends and conditions to be monitored;
- benchmark data for evaluation of housing needs, housing finance and housing demand. For this purpose, regional and small area data are required;
- data for land use forecasting and transport planning; and
- better planning of services for residents of caravan parks.

Data on non-private dwellings are used for:

- analysis of programs for the aged and handicapped in non-private dwellings;
- policy analysis and policy formulation in the development of financing of projects in the areas of health, the aged, children and rehabilitation.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Data are available for the following geographic areas:

- Australia
- States and Territories
- external Territories of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- sections of State (urban/rural)
- statistical divisions
- statistical subdivisions
- statistical local areas
- statistical regions
- legal local government areas
- Commonwealth and State electoral divisions
- postcode areas
- collection districts.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Quinquennial

### **Method of Collection**

*The Census of Population and Housing* is a self-enumeration collection where a collector leaves the questionnaire to be filled in by a respondent and returns to collect the form at a later date.

All private dwellings, whether occupied or unoccupied, and occupied caravans etc. are included. Occupied non-private dwellings (eg. hospital, prisons, hotels, etc.) are also included. Diplomatic residences are excluded. Dwelling structure and reason unoccupied (if applicable) are completed by the collector; other housing details are completed by the respondent.

### **Historical Data**

Data on housing for Australia, States and Territories are available for 1961-1986 Censuses (5 year intervals) and data for the external Territories are available for 1971-1986 Censuses (5 year intervals). Censuses of Population and Housing were conducted at irregular intervals from 1911-1961 and housing information is available from these censuses.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

The level of detail for variables provided in a population census tabulation is dependent on the population of the geographic areas. Therefore, the smaller the population of an area, the less detail is available. Application of random adjustments to small non-zero cells is made to allow release of small area data and to ensure confidentiality of information.

As the census is a total count, data are not subject to sampling error but some errors may occur due to underenumeration, partial response, respondent error or processing errors.

## Dissemination Media

### Publications:

1986 Census of Population and Housing

#### (a) Information papers

*Census Dictionary, 1986* (2174.0)

*Catalogue of 1986 Census Tables* (2175.0)

*Census 86 - Special Data Services* (2181.0)

*Census 86 - Maps* (2183.0)

*Census 86 - Sample Files on Magnetic Tape* (2184.0)

*Census 86 - Microfiche* (2185.0)

*Census 86 - Standard Tables on Magnetic Tape* (2186.0)

#### (b) Statistical publications

*Census 86 - Persons and Dwellings in Legal LGAs, SLAs, and Urban centres/(Rural) Localities (States/NT)* (2462.0 - 2468.0)

*Census 86 - Persons and Dwellings in SLAs-ACT* (2469.0)

*Census 86 - Summary Characteristics of Persons and Dwellings (States/Territories/external Territories/Australia)* (2479.0 - 2489.0)

### Other dissemination media:

Housing statistics are available from the Small Area Data Base, and in cross-classified tables for a variety of standard geographic areas on the following:

Microfiche  
Magnetic tape  
Computer printout  
Floppy Disk  
CD-ROM (compact disk)

The majority of housing data are released on microfiche in the form of small area data and standard cross-classified tables. All tables containing housing statistics available from the 1986 Census are listed in the *Catalogue of 1986 Census Tables* (2175.0).

If user needs cannot be met by a standard output, ad hoc requests for non-standard outputs can be made through the ABS Information Consultancy Service (see *Census 86-Special Data Services* (2181.0)).

Maps are also available on request for all geographical areas used in the census.

### Previous censuses.

Statistics on housing collected in previous censuses are available from any ABS office.

### Timeliness

6 months - 2 years.

Preliminary results are usually available after about 6 months.

Detailed results are available after 2 years.

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### Description

Gross Product by Industry - including the Construction Industry. (Note: The Construction Industry relates to all construction, of which houses are only one component.)

### Data Detail

Gross product at current and constant (average 1984-85) prices, employment, hours worked and indexes of gross product at constant prices per person employed and per hour worked. Data are published at the ASIC division level, and for manufacturing at the sub-division level.

### Purpose of Data

For inclusion in Australian National Accounts estimates of production - based Gross Domestic Product.

### Geographic Coverage

Data are published for Australia.

### Frequency of Publication

Quarterly and annual data are published.

### Method of Collection

For the Construction Industry, current price estimates are derived by summing data on wages, salaries and supplements, and gross operating surplus. Constant Price estimates are derived by extrapolating the base year (1984-85) gross product estimate by a constant price estimate of gross output.

### Historical Data

Annual current price data are available back to 1962-63. Constant price data at average 1984-85 prices are available back to 1974-75. On earlier base years, annual constant price data are available back to 1959-60. Indexes of constant price gross product per person employed can be taken back to 1962-63 by linking different base years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

For some ASIC divisions more detailed estimates can be obtained.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Australian National Accounts: Gross Product, Employment and Hours Worked* Cat. No. 5222.0 (annual subscription \$36.00)

*Australian National Accounts: Gross Product, Employment and Hours Worked* Cat. No. 5211.0 (annual subscription \$12.50)

#### Electronic Information services:

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### Timeliness

Quarterly data - 2½ months

Annual data - 6 months

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### Description

Quarterly indexes of industrial production (base year 1984-85 = 1000).

### Data Detail

Indexes of constant price (average 1984-85 prices) manufacturing gross product (at market prices) for ASIC subdivisions

For example:

- Basic metal products
- Fabricated metal products
- Wood and wood products
- Non-metallic mineral products

The data are available in both original and seasonally adjusted terms.

### Purpose of Data

Measure change in the level of production over time.

### Geographic Coverage

Data are only available for Australia

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly.

### Method of Collection

The indexes are calculated from current price data collected in the quarterly surveys of manufacturers' stocks and sales (see cat no 5629.0) and monthly surveys of manufacturers' prices (see cat no 6412.0)

### Historical Data

Data are available from September 1976.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

For a number of ASIC subdivisions, more detailed estimates are available for ASIC groups or groupings of ASIC classes.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Quarterly Indexes of Industrial Production, Australia* Cat. No. 8125.0 (annual subscription \$30.00)

#### Electronic information services:

AUSSTATS (06) 256 2017

### Timeliness

2½ months.

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### Description

Price indexes for a range of housing related items included in the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI). The data items are those which make up the Housing Group of the CPI.

### Data Detail

Price indexes are available for the Housing Group and its components as follows:

#### Housing Group

##### Rents

- Privately owned dwelling rents
- Government owned dwelling rents

##### Home ownership

- Mortgage interest charges
- Local Government rates and charges
- House repairs and maintenance
- Home insurance.

### Purpose of Data

To provide a measure of price change for components of the CPI.

### Geographic Coverage

Data are available for each State capital city, Canberra, and Darwin, and the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly.

### Method of Collection

Sampling techniques are used extensively, with the majority of data being collected by trained field collection officers in each city. Some use is also made of mail-out questionnaires and administrative by-product data.

### Historical Data

With the exception of "mortgage interest charges" (which has only been included in the CPI since the March quarter 1987), all data are available from the September quarter 1972, with some data being available since 1948.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

There are no confidentiality restrictions on index number series at this level of aggregation. Index numbers for the components of the Housing Group are only published in respect of the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Index numbers for the individual cities can be provided on request. A charge is levied for provision of this unpublished information.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Consumer Price Index* Cat. No 6401.0.

**Electronic information services:**

AUSSTATS (062) 52 6017

**Photocopied tabulations**

**Computer printout**

Price is dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

3 to 4 weeks.

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### Description

Price indexes for five housing related ABS series.

### Data Detail

Price indexes are available for:

- Established houses
- Project homes
- Materials used in house building
- Award rates of pay for the construction industry
- National accounts housing investment deflator

### Purpose of Data

The house price index numbers are compiled for use in calculating the Mortgage Interest Charges component of the Consumer Price Index. The materials used in house building and the award rates of pay series are published monthly in catalogue numbers 6408.0 and 6312.0 respectively. The housing investment deflator is used (but not separately published) in the Australian National Accounts.

### Geographic Coverage

The two house price series are available for each state capital city, Canberra, Darwin, and for the weighted average of eight capital cities. The materials used in house building series relates to the weighted average of the six state capital cities (published separately in catalogue number 6408.0). The award rates of pay and the housing investment deflator are published for Australia.

### Frequency of Collection

For all series, except Project Homes, data is collected monthly but published in *House Price Indexes* on a quarterly basis.

### Method of Collection

Mail-out questionnaire, collection by trained field officers, and administrative by-product data are all employed.

### Historical Data

Index numbers for all series are available from September quarter 1986.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

There are no confidentiality restrictions on index number series at this level of aggregation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*House Price Indexes; Eight Capital Cities* Cat. No. 6416.0.

### Timeliness

2 to 3 months.

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**Contact**  
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### Name of Collection

Survey of Housing - 1988

### Description

Sample survey of persons in private dwellings on a wide range of topics related to housing. Data is presented for income units and households.

### Data Detail

The following topics are included:

- dwelling characteristics,
- financial arrangements and housing costs,
- moving expectations,
- previous housing arrangements,
- ownership of other residential properties.

Demographic and other characteristics of persons, including income, are also collected.

### Purpose of Data

- To examine housing costs by type of dwelling and type of tenure,
- to enable planning for future housing by examining actual patterns of demand (previous and present) and expected demand (moving expectations),
- to examine the type and purpose of other residential properties held by persons or income units, with a view to devise possible methods to encourage such ownership, and
- to increase understanding of the private rental market.

### Geographic Coverage

The survey covers both urban and rural areas in all States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

Irregular.

### Method of Collection

Personal interviews with all non-dependent persons in selected dwellings.

### Historical Data

Data on nature of occupancy and housing costs is collected regularly with the Income Distribution Surveys.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No limitations.



**Dissemination Media  
Publications:**

*Housing Costs of Income Units (Preliminary)* Cat. No. (4117.0)

*Housing Costs and Occupancy* Cat. No. (4130.0)

*Housing Finance of Purchasers* Cat. No. (4131.0)

*Housing History and Intentions* Cat. No. (4132.0)

*Dwelling characteristics of Households* Cat. No. (4133.0)

*States and Territories Comparisons* Cat. No. (4134.0)

*Housing Costs: New South Wales* Cat. No. (4130.1)

*Victoria* Cat. No. (4130.2)

*Queensland* Cat. No. (4130.3)

*South Australia* Cat. No. (4130.4)

*Western Australia* Cat. No. (4130.5)

*Tasmania* Cat. No. (4130.6)

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### Name of Collection

Household Expenditure Survey - 1988-89

### Description

Sample survey of persons in private dwellings on household expenditure for goods and services, including housing. Data is presented for households.

### Data Detail

Data collected in relation to housing include:

- type of dwelling and number of bedrooms,
- type of tenure and rent, rates and mortgage payments in respect of any dwelling occupied or owned by any member of the household,
- expenditure on alterations and additions and on maintenance and repairs.

Demographic and other characteristics of persons, including income, are also collected.

### Purpose of Data

To estimate how much of household total expenditure is absorbed by housing, and how the amount spent on housing compares to expenditure on other goods or service groups. To relate expenditure on various goods and services (including housing) to total household income.

### Geographic Coverage

The survey covers both urban and rural areas in all States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

6 yearly.

### Method of Collection

Personal interview and diary keeping.

### Historical Data

Previous surveys conducted in respect of 1974-75, 1975-76, 1984.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Summary of Results, 1988-89* Cat. No 6530.0 (\$8.00)

*Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Household Characteristics, 1988-89* Cat. No 6531.0 (\$15.50)

*Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Household Expenditure by States and Territories, 1984* Cat. No 6533.0 (\$15.50)

*Household Expenditure Survey: Detailed Expenditure Items, 1984* Cat. No 6535.0 (\$16.50)

Additional publications Cat. Nos. 6532.0, 6534.0, 6536.0, 6537.0, 6540.0, 6544.0.

Unit record information on **magnetic tape**.

**Electronic Information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#).

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Small Area Data Base (HESSAD) on **CD-ROM**

**Floppy Disk**

**Magnetic Tape**

**Hard Copy.**

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Contact  
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### Description

Input-output tables.

### Data Detail

Provides the values (\$m) of inputs into and the output of the residential building industry (showing construction and repair and maintenance activity separately). Both inputs and output are classified by industry, with 109 industries being identified. An industry by commodity table publishes details for 109 industries and 109 commodity groups.

### Purpose of Data

The input-output tables are compiled to provide a detailed picture of the structure of the Australian economy for the reference year.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia.

### Frequency of Collection

Most of the data used in the tables comes from other ABS collections, etc (see Method of Collection). Input-Output Section conducts a number of small surveys to supplement this data at regular intervals (typically every five years). These surveys obtain additional details about items of income and expenses and materials used. In sectors not covered by regular ABS censuses and surveys, the values of major income and expense items are also sought. Input-Output surveys typically employ small samples and are designed to provide reliable estimates of ratios rather than levels.

### Frequency of Publication

Irregular prior to 1977-78, annual from 1977-78 to 1983-84, triennial from 1986-87 onwards.

### Method of Collection

The data used to compile the tables are derived from a variety of data sources, including ABS economic censuses and surveys, special input-output surveys, administrative by-product data, tax data, other ABS surveys, etc.

### Historical Data

Data has been kept in computer-readable form for all tables from 1962-63 onwards at the 108 (or 109) industry by commodity level (about 1500 commodities).

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

ABS can make available certain input-output data which are not published, subject to the usual ABS confidentiality restrictions. When it is not practicable to provide the data by telephone, data can be provided by microfiche, photocopy, fax, computer printout, clerically extracted tabulation, on floppy disk or on magnetic tape. A charge is made for providing information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Australian National Accounts: Input-Output Tables.* Cat. No. 5209.0. Cost: \$40.00 (includes microfiche).

*Australian National Accounts: Input-Output Tables (Commodity Details).* Cat. No. 5215.0. Cost: \$40.00 (includes Microfiche).

**Magnetic tape**

**Floppy disk**

**Computer printout**

Price for data in these formats is dependent on the amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

3 1/2 years after reference year.

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Contact  
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**Name of Collection**  
Labour Force Survey.

**Description**  
Labour force characteristics of the civilian population aged 15 and over, including details of industry and occupation.

**Data Detail**

- Civilian population 15 years of age and over,
- civilian labour force,
- employed persons,
- unemployed persons, and
- persons not in the labour force.

Characteristics shown include:

- sex,
- labour force status,
- age,
- marital status,
- birthplace,
- period of arrival in Australia, States and Territories and capital cities,
- industry,
- occupation,
- status of worker,
- hours worked,
- employment/population ratios,
- duration of unemployment,
- reason for unemployment,
- school attendance (aged 15-19),
- attending tertiary educational institution full-time (aged 15-24),
- family status of individuals,
- type of family,
- stood down
- looking for first job,
- active steps taken to find work,
- reason for working less than 35 hours,
- reason not available to start work,
- preference for working more hours.

**Purpose of Data**  
To provide timely and comprehensive statistics of employment and unemployment.

**Geographic Coverage**  
Australia, States and Territories, regions, State capital cities.

**Frequency of Collection**  
The data are collected and published monthly. February, May, August and November issues of the final monthly publication *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) contain estimates of employed persons by industry, occupation, and status of worker.

### Method of Collection

Estimates of the civilian labour force are derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 31 000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about three-fifths of one percent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. As for all sample surveys, the estimates are subject to sampling error and non-sampling error.

### Historical Data

The population survey was first conducted Australia-wide in February 1964. From November 1960 to November 1963 it was confined to the six State capital cities. Revised estimates on the current basis are available from August 1966. Data from August 1966 is held permanently.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Estimates with relative standard errors greater than 25% are released, but are not considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes and should be used with caution. Generally, estimates with relative standard errors greater than 25% are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. \*3.4).

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*The Labour Force, Australia* Cat. No 6203.0.

*The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* Cat. No 6202.0

*Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families* Cat. No 6224.0

*The Labour Force, Australia, Historical Summary, 1966 to 1984* Cat. No 6204.0

#### Other Media:

Floppy disk

Microfiche

Photocopy

Computer printout

Manually extracted tabulation

#### Electronic information services:

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

TELESTATS (06) 252 5404

Cost to the user in obtaining data is according to ABS charging policy.

### Timeliness

The preliminary publication 6202.0 is released 14 working days after the completion of interviewing each month. The final publication 6203.0 is released within one calendar month of the reference month.

The publication 6224.0 is issued annually, for June each year.

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### Name of Collection

*Survey of Monthly and Quarterly Manufacturing Production*  
Production of Building Materials and Fittings, Australia

### Description

Monthly survey of production of building materials (bricks, roofing tiles, plaster sheets etc) and fittings (stoves, space heaters etc) by establishments predominantly engaged in manufacturing activity. These establishments are fully enumerated.  
Production statistics are not collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on some manufacturing in a minor way.

### Data Detail

Quantity of commodity item produced per calendar month.

### Purpose of Data

To provide timely statistics of manufacturing production.

### Geographic Coverage

All States and Territories of Australia.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Mail-out of questionnaires from ABS State Offices

### Historical Data

Data readily available from July 1980.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data subject to ABS confidentiality restrictions

### Dissemination Media

#### **Publications:**

*Production of Building Materials and Fittings, Australia* Cat. No. 8361.0, (annual subscription \$78)

#### **Electronic Information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)  
AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

### Timeliness

8 weeks.



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**Name of Collection**  
*National Energy Survey.*

### Description

The 1985-86 nationwide special survey of single households in private dwellings obtained data on appliances held, types of energy used, reticulated energy consumption and cost over a twelve month period, and, through completion of a diary, appliance usage patterns and reticulated energy consumption over a seven day period. As the data collection took place progressively over a twelve month period commencing Monday 17 June 1985, seasonal usage patterns can be evaluated using the weekly usage and consumption data.

### Data Detail

Numbers of households, megajoules of reticulated energy consumed. Other variables include:

- Type of dwelling (6 categories)
- Main material of outer walls and roof
- Number of usual residents in household (no. of adults, no. of children)
- Age of dwelling (0-2 years, 2-5 years, more than 5 years)
- Nature of occupancy (owner/buyer, other)
- Number of rooms (4 or less, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more)
- Wall and roof insulation
- Appliances held (over 20 appliances and facilities, with data for some covering number held, types of energy used, whether purchased/changed energy source in the last twelve months, other physical attributes, etc.)
- Household income (voluntary disclosure only)
- Whether a business is run from the dwelling, and if so, whether more than one third of the domestic electricity bill is charged to the business.
- Annual consumption (megajoules) and cost (\$) of reticulated energy and gas
- Usage of selected appliances over a seven day period (number of weekdays and weekend days used, number of minutes used)
- For electrical appliances - whether used during peak load periods
- Consumption of reticulated electricity and gas over the seven day period.

### Purpose of Data

The survey collected information on energy usage in the domestic sector to assist forward planning by government bodies and supply authorities. Some information on selected dwelling characteristics was collected as part of the survey, however the specific reliability of this data is not known, as it was not the prime objective of the survey.

### Geographic Coverage

The survey covered all States and Territories of Australia. No small area detail is available other than State capital city statistical division/rest of State.

### Frequency of Collection

Household energy surveys have been conducted at regular intervals. At this time no future survey is planned.

### Method of Collection

Interviewer conducted survey at over 19 000 dwellings. Weekly usage data was satisfactorily collected at a subsample of about 14 700 dwellings and annual usage data from a subsample of about 12 100 dwellings. Expansion factors have been derived for each subsample to give estimates for the total population in each State or Territory.

### Historical Data

Similar surveys on appliance holdings, etc., were conducted in November 1980 and June 1983. The latter survey also collected data on annual consumption (in megajoules) of reticulated electricity and gas for 1982-83. Neither survey collected weekly usage data.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Dependent on the fully responding sample size for each State/Territory by each phase of the survey, see the relevant publications. Requests for information not published will be satisfied by the ABC where possible, however there is generally a charge for this service.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*National Energy Survey: Household Appliances, Facilities and Insulation, Australia, 1985-86* (Cat. No 8212.0) contains estimates relating to appliance holdings, the types of energy used and dwelling characteristics.

*National Energy Survey: Annual Consumption of Reticulated energy by Households, Australia, 1985-86* (Cat. No 8213.0) contains estimates from the survey on annual usage of reticulated energy by households, both quantity consumed and expenditure.

*National Energy Survey: Households Weekly Usage of Reticulated Energy and Appliances by Season, Australia, 1985-86* (Cat. No 8218.0) contains estimates, by season of interview, on the daily usage of selected major appliances as recorded by the respondent for a seven day period and the quantity of reticulated electricity and gas consumed over that period.

#### Sample file on magnetic tape:

*The Information Paper National Energy Survey, 1985-86: Household Sample File on Magnetic Tape* (Cat. No 8215.0) contains full details on the sample file, and the relevant order form and undertaking, and an extract from the questionnaire used.

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### Description

As part of the series of statistics collected under the Financial Corporations Act 1974, loan outstandings by individuals for owner occupied housing.

### Data Detail

Loan outstandings for owner occupied housing by individuals to permanent building societies, finance companies, general financiers and pastoral finance companies. Similar information is requested from credit co-operatives, and intra-group financiers but, as the information is considered unreliable, data is not made available.

### Purpose of Data

For the Reserve Bank of Australia to monitor the activities of financial corporations subject to the Financial Corporations Act, in the determination of monetary policy, and for general use by other interested persons.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia and all States and Territories for permanent building societies and finance companies, Australia only for general financiers and pastoral finance companies.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statutory forms that are laid down by the regulations of the Financial Corporations Act.

### Historical Data

All data is available from July 1976.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

All data collated is published except those data items deemed confidential.

### Dissemination Media

A subscription service has been established to provide selected tables to users on a monthly basis.

#### **Publications:**

*Building Societies, Australia* Cat. No 5637.0, cost \$3 ceased December 1989.

*Finance Companies, Australia* Cat. No 5639.0, cost \$3 ceased December 1989.

*General Financiers and Other Financial Corporations, Australia* Cat. No 5640.0, cost \$7.50 ceased December 1989.

#### **Electronic Information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

#### **Floppy disk**

Computer printout in table format.

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

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### Description

Total value of housing loans owing to savings banks by individuals and building societies.

### Data Detail

Total amount owing on housing loans to each savings bank.

### Purpose of Data

To provide a measure of the total value of outstanding loans.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from forms received from all savings banks.

### Historical Data

Data are available on a monthly basis from January 1960.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Not confidential. Total outstanding loans figure is published for each individual Savings Bank.

### Dissemination Media

A subscription service has been established to provide selected tables to the user on a monthly basis.

### Publications:

*Savings Banks, Australia* Cat. No 5602.0 - ceased December 1988.

*Banking, Australia* Cat. No 5605.0 - ceased December 1988.

*Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* Government notices - ceased December 1988.

### Electronic Information services:

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (062) 562017

### Magnetic tape

Floppy disk

Computer printout

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### Description

As part of the series on the financial structure of financial institutions loan outstandings by individuals for owner occupied housing.

### Data Detail

Loan outstandings for owner occupied housing by individuals to permanent building societies, co-operative housing societies, finance companies and general financiers.

### Purpose of Data

To provide information on the financial structure of major units that make up the finance sector.

### Geographic Coverage

- Permanent building societies - Australia only.
- Co-operative housing societies - Australia and States.
- Finance Companies - Australia only.
- General financiers - Australia only.

### Frequency of Collection

Annual.

### Method of Collection

Mail questionnaire.

### Historical Data

- Permanent building societies - from 1968-69
- Co-operative housing societies - from 1976-77
- Finance companies - from 1984-85 (although annual information is available from 1963-64, owner occupied housing was not identified until 1984-85)
- General financiers - from 1984-85.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data published is the only data that is available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Permanent Building Societies: Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure, Australia* Cat. No 5632.0.

*Co-operative Housing Societies: Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure, Australia* Cat. No 5633.0.

*Finance Companies: Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure, Australia* Cat. No 5616.0.

*General Financiers and Other Financial Corporations: Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure, Australia* Cat. No 5648.0

**Electronic information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Magnetic tape

Floppy disk

Computer printout

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

9-12 months after reference period.

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### Description

As part of the series on personal finance commitments made by significant lenders to individuals for their own (non-business) use, details on:

- purchase of individual residential blocks of land
- unsecured loans for alterations and additions to existing dwellings,
- unsecured loans to assist in the purchase or construction of housing for owner occupation.

### Data Detail

Value (\$'000) of commitments for the above three data items classified by type of significant lender. Significant lenders are those that give a coverage of 95% of personal finance commitments (as measured by all lenders coming within the scope of the collection) at the Australia level and 90% at State level at particular points in time.

### Purpose of Data

To provide a leading indicator of finance being made available to individuals for consumption purposes.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Australia and all States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Mail questionnaire.

### Historical Data

All data available from January 1985 except the classification of fixed loan facility by purpose which is available from March 1987.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Due to confidentiality a dissection of 'other sources' as published is not available. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by computer printout or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Personal Finance, Australia* Cat. No 5642.0, cost \$5.50 (annual subscription \$66)

**Electronic information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

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**Magnetic tape**

Floppy disk

Computer printout

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

7 weeks.



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### Description

Secured housing finance statistics made by significant lenders to individuals for owner occupation; commitments for alterations and additions to owner occupied dwellings.

### Data Detail

1. Value (\$'000) of commitments classified by:

- first mortgage, other security;
- construction of dwellings, purchase of newly erected dwellings, purchase of established dwellings;
- type of lender.

2. Number of dwellings classified by:

- construction of dwellings, purchase of newly erected dwellings, purchase of established dwellings;
- type of lender.

3. Value (\$'000) of commitments for alterations and additions classified by:

- type of lender.

4. Value (\$'000) of commitments for cancellations, commitments advanced, commitments not advanced classified by:

- type of lender.

The data covers significant lenders only i.e. those lenders that give a coverage of 95% of housing finance commitments (as measured by all lenders coming within the scope of the collection) in Australia and 90% of the level of commitments at that particular point in time. Certain seasonal adjusted series are available for Australia only.)

### Purpose of Data

To provide a leading indicator of finance being made to individuals to build or buy dwellings.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Australia and all States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Mail questionnaire.

### Historical Data

All data are available from October 1975. Earlier data are available for savings banks from July 1969 and permanent building societies from May 1969.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

ABS can make available a dissection of 'other lenders' that appears in the publication. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by computer printout or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing information in these forms. Due to confidentiality, some lenders/States are combined.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* Cat. No 5609.0, cost \$10 (annual subscription \$120).

**Electronic information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Magnetic tape

Floppy disk

Computer printout

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

6 weeks.

## Australian Bureau of Statistics

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### Description

Details of commercial finance commitments made by significant lenders to government, private and public enterprises, non-profit organisations and to individuals (for construction or purchase of residential property)

- construction finance to erect dwellings for rental/resale, and
- finance for the purchase of real property:
  - i) dwellings for rental/resale
  - ii) for residential block development.

### Data Detail

Value (\$m)

- construction finance to erect dwellings for rental/resale, and
- finance for the purchase of real property:
  - i) dwellings for rental/resale
  - ii) for residential block development.

classified by type of significant lender. Significant lenders are those that give a coverage of 95% of personal finance commitments (as measured by all lenders coming within the scope of the collection) at the Australia level and 90% at State level at particular points in time.

### Purpose of Data

To provide a leading indicator of finance being made to enterprises for business reasons.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Australia and all States and Territories

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Mail questionnaire.

### Historical Data

All data available from January 1985.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Due to confidentiality a dissection of 'other sources' as published is not available. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by computer printout or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge is made for providing information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Commercial Finance, Australia* Cat. No 5643.0, cost \$5.50 (annual subscription \$66)

**Electronic information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Magnetic tape

Floppy disk

Computer printout

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

7 weeks.

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### Description

Details of Government expenditure on housing and community amenities for the Commonwealth, State, and local governments.

### Data Detail

Commonwealth government and State government expenditures on housing and/or housing and community amenities are published by major economic categories, eg General Government Final Consumption Expenditure.

For local government, payments are shown for each authority for housing by source of revenue i.e. payments from loans revenue and tied revenue. In addition, sources of revenue for housing are shown by type, eg contributions, government grants.

### Purpose of Data

To provide statistics about all government departments, statutory authorities or local government authorities, other than those, such as government banks and insurance offices, regarded as financial institutions.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from the reports of the Auditor-General, Treasuries public accounts, budget documents, annual reports of departments and annual reports of authorities. Data for local authorities are obtained from their annual statement of accounts, and from questionnaires completed by them.

### Historical Data

All data are available from 1961-62, however for local authorities, data are not available prior to 1979-80 except in an aggregated form for each State.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Additional information on housing can be made available, including extended time series and data at a more detailed level. Data can also be provided by microfiche, computer printout and floppy disk. A charge is made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Commonwealth Government Finance, Australia* Cat. No 5502.0.

*State and Local Government Finance, Australia* Cat. No 5504.0. (Last issue for 1987/88)

*Government Finance Statistics, Australia* Cat. No 5512.0.

*Standardised Local Government Finance Statistics* Cat. No 1212.0

**Microfiche**

**Magnetic tape**

**Floppy disk**

**Computer printout**

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

Approximately 16 months.

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**Contact**  
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**Description**

Price index of materials used in house building in the six capital cities and Canberra, and for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

**Data Detail**

Index numbers for the total of all materials. The index measures changes in price of selected materials used in the construction of houses. The weighting pattern is not applicable to any type of building other than detached houses. The weights are based on average material usage.

**Purpose of Data**

To provide an indication of price change in materials used in house building. The data are mostly used for contract adjustment and economic analysis.

**Geographic Coverage**

Data are collected and published for each State capital city statistical division and Canberra, and the weighted average of the six capital cities.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

The prices data are collected from representative firms supplying building materials to builders and sub-contractors in the six State capitals and Canberra. Data are obtained via a mail collection, with some telephone response and collection by personal visit.

**Historical Data**

Published level data are available from 1966-67 for the six State capital cities, and from 1986-87 for Canberra.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Data in more detail than that published are available on request, subject to confidentiality, for each city and the weighted average of the six State capital cities. A charge is made for providing unpublished data.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building* Cat. No 6408.0. Cost \$7.50 (annual subscription \$90).

**Electronic information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)  
AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Computer printout

Clerical tabulation

Floppy disk

Price for the latter three is dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

2 months.



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### **Description**

Price index of materials used in building other than house building (including dwellings other than detached housing but also including non-residential building) in the eight capital cities, and for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

### **Data Detail**

Index numbers for the total of all materials and classified by:

- ASIC class
- selected materials
- 'special purpose' groupings.

The index measures changes in price of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than detached houses but including buildings such as blocks of flats. The weighting pattern is not applicable to house building, building repair, maintenance or alteration work, or engineering construction work. The weights are based on average material usage.

### **Purpose of Data**

To provide an indication of price change in building materials in the capital cities. The data are mostly used for contract adjustment and economic analysis.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Data are collected and published for each capital city statistical division and the weighted average of the six State capital cities, at various levels.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

### **Method of Collection**

Pricing data are collected from representative firms supplying building materials to builders and sub-contractors in the eight capital cities. Data are obtained via a mail collection, with some telephone response and collection by personal visit.

### **Historical Data**

Published level data are available from 1966-67 for the six State capital cities. Other data are available from 1979-80 for the six State capitals, from 1981-82 for Darwin and from 1986-87 for Canberra.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Data in more detail than that published are available on request, subject to confidentiality, for each capital city and the weighted average of the six State capital cities. A charge is made for providing unpublished data.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building* Cat. No 6407.0. Cost \$10 (annual subscription \$120).

**Electronic Information services:**

DISCOVERY (\*656#)

AUSSTATS (06) 252 6017

Computer printout

Clerical tabulation

Floppy disk

Price for the latter three is dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

2 months.

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### Description

**LANDSEARCH** is a directory which contains descriptions of approximately 1000 datasets which are 'land-related' i.e. contain data which covers a range of subjects that have a spatial component. The spatial component may be, for example, local government area, land parcel or map grid cell. Land related data may concern land ownership, utility networks, agriculture, etc. The definition also includes building and construction.

### Data Detail

For each dataset the following details are provided:

**Title:** the full name of the dataset.

**Acronym:** the abbreviated, internal or informal name of the dataset.

**Description:** the scope and purpose of the dataset.

**Subjects Covered:** the subject categories covered by the dataset.

**Source:** the origin of the collected data.

**Area Covered:** the geographic delineation or description of the area now covered by the dataset.

**Planned Coverage:** either 'complete', or a description of the planned final coverage.

**Area Units Referenced:** data may be collected by a range of units e.g. points, land parcels, census collection districts.

**Collection Date:** for 'once only' or non-periodic data collections, the last year in which the data was collected.

**Time Covered:** for 'more than once' or periodic collections, the time period over which the data was collected, followed by its frequency of updating.

**Storage:** the storage medium of the data, whether fully, partly or non-computerised.

**Availability:** whether the dataset or part thereof is provided free or otherwise.

**Form of Supply:** form of the data eg. map, microfiche, printed text.

**Cost of Access:** whether the dataset or part thereof is free or otherwise.

**Publication Details:** the published form of the data (e.g. report, manual) and related publications.

**Other Directories:** any other directories or indexes referring to the dataset.

**Contact Point Code:** the alphanumeric code referring to the organisation holding the data.

### **Purpose Of Data**

The data directory was compiled to bring together information about all the land-related data held by the Commonwealth Government. Each dataset is 'meta-data- a description of the dataset and how it may be accessed, rather than a listing of the data itself. *LANDSEARCH II* is an initiative that co-ordinates the Commonwealth's land-related data, for purposes such as:

- standardisation of land information exchange,
- provision of a central contact point for land-related data,
- awareness by the Commonwealth of its own data holdings,
- location of organisations with particular expertise, and
- identification of gaps in the Commonwealth's land-related data.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Australia and in some cases off-shore Territories. 'AREA COVERED' and 'AREA UNITS REFERENCED' are listed for each dataset, and may include State, electoral division, local government area, etc.

### **Frequency Of Collection**

*LANDSEARCH* second edition published 1988. It is also available on-line through the Paxus 'INFORM' information network. Yearly updates of the on-line version are envisaged. Another hardcopy edition is not planned.

### **Method Of Collection**

A detailed questionnaire was circulated to all Commonwealth departments and organisations identified as having land-related interests. 140 organisations were contacted and about 90% responded.

### **Historical Data**

*LANDSEARCH* does not contain the data itself, and there is no archiving of data. The datasets described in *LANDSEARCH* may cover any time period.

### **Level Of Confidentiality/Availability**

Each dataset has a contact point for enquiries or additional data. The availability of each dataset is described i.e. Commonwealth Government organisations only, available to any Government organisation, no restrictions, etc.

### **Dissemination Media**

*LANDSEARCH* itself is available in hardcopy (book) form as well as on-line. For each dataset described, 'FORM OF SUPPLY' and 'COST OF ACCESS' are given.

### **Timeliness**

For the hardcopy version of *LANDSEARCH*, questionnaires were dispatched 12 months before delivery to the printers. The same applies for the on-line version, although the latter will be updated periodically.

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### Description

BIE Discussion Paper No. 10, *Instability in the Australian Residential Construction Industry*. This study was sponsored by the Master Builders' - Construction and Housing Association. It examined the cyclical instability of both output and costs in the residential construction industry. The detailed technical bases for the findings are published as BIE Research Paper No. 2, under the above title.

### Data Detail

ABS Dwelling commencements (8752.0); Consumer Price Index (6401.0); House Price Indexes (6416.0); Implicit price deflator, gross fixed capital expenditure, dwellings (5201.0); Housing Finance for Owner Occupation (5209.0); Commercial Finance (5648.0); Construction Industry Survey 1984-85 (8772.0); Price Index of Materials Used in House-building (6408.0).  
BIE survey of major builders. BIS-Shrapnel: prices of established houses and land. Econdata: interest rate. REIA: Median prices of established houses.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia, with specific examples for mainland state capitals.

### Frequency of Publication

Published July 1990.

### Historical Data

Contains ABS timeseries data for period March quarter 1958 until June quarter 1989.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Price \$15.00

### Dissemination Media

Printed reports.

### Timeliness

The study was conducted during the year 1989-90.

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**Description**

Forecasts of dwellings building - 18 months ahead.

**Data Detail**

Dwellings are divided into 'houses' and 'other dwellings' and further subdivided into 'private' and 'government' categories. The divisions are shown as numbers of dwellings 'approved', 'commenced' and 'completed'. The figures are shown as moving annual totals ending the quarter shown and forecast up to 18 months ahead. The value of dwellings commenced are also forecast.

**Purpose of Data**

To indicate future trends in the dwelling building industry. These trends provide a forecasting basis for users in related building and building materials' industries.

**Geographic Coverage**

By all States and Territories.  
By New South Wales areas (approvals only).  
By Queensland areas (approvals only).

**Frequency of Collection**

The actual data is collected monthly (approvals) and quarterly (commencements and completions) and the forecasts are published bi-annually - March and September.

**Method of Collection**

Australian Bureau of Statistics building publications for actual data. BIS Shrapnel Pty Ltd for forecasts.

**Historical Data**

For all States and Territories, 1974 for approvals and 1972 for commencements and completions.  
For New South Wales areas, 1980 for approvals and for Queensland areas, 1978 for approvals.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Data is available to all subscribers of *Building Industry Prospects*.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Building Industry Prospects*. Cost: available on subscription \$880 per annum.

**Timeliness**

Last actual data, on which forecasts are based, are usually 4 weeks old for approvals and 3 months old for commencements and completions.

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### **Description**

The Home Improvements Market in Australia.

### **Data Detail**

Home Improvements projects covered in the study include new additions to dwellings, renovations and major maintenance. The following segments were examined:

- Ground floor additions and upper storey conversions
- Recladding external walls
- Remodelling kitchens
- Remodelling bathrooms
- Remodelling laundries
- Garages
- Carports
- Re-roofing
- Boundary and screen fencing
- Patios, awnings and decks
- Replacing guttering
- Relining internal walls and ceilings
- Insulation of walls and roof
- Tool shed, pergola or gazebo
- Swimming pools
- Laying of floor underlay for ceramic, vinyl or quarry tiles
- Concreting or paving of paths, driveways and surrounds
- Window replacement.

### **Purpose of Data**

To quantify the Home Improvement market and building materials usage by market segment.

### **Geographic Coverage**

The five mainland States (country and city areas in the three Eastern States).

### **Frequency of Collection**

Irregular.

### **Method of Collection**

Market research (20,000 sample base) to establish market sizes.

### **Historical Data**

ABS data on approvals of alterations and additions to dwellings over \$2000 and over \$10,000 by State.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Data is available to subscribers to the Home Improvements study.

### **Dissemination Media**

Reports are available for market sectors (from \$3500 to \$16,000 each). The full report costs \$33,000

### **Timeliness**

Data collected at June 1987 for the 1986/87 financial year.

Update data collected November 1989 for 1989 calendar year

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**Description**

Prices of established homes and home units.

**Data Detail**

Prices of houses for Sydney and Melbourne, prices of home units for Sydney only. Prices are quoted only as moving 12 month medians, ending the month quoted.

**Purpose of Data**

For monitoring house prices and to provide a basis for forecasting future trends.

**Geographic Coverage**

Sydney and Melbourne.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Price information is obtained from reports of sales in the respective major metropolitan newspapers.

**Historical Data**

Data available from 1960 for houses in Sydney and Melbourne and from 1970/71 for home units in Sydney.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available to all subscribers of *Building Industry Prospects*.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Building Industry Prospects* Cost: available on subscription \$880 per annum.

**Timeliness**

Data for respective month is approximately 6-8 weeks after actual sales occur.



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**Description**

Prices of vacant land (house) blocks.

**Data Detail**

Prices of land for Sydney and Melbourne, quoted only as moving 12 month medians ending the month quoted.

**Purpose of Data**

For monitoring land prices and to provide the basis for forecasting future trends.

**Geographic Coverage**

Sydney and Melbourne.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Price information is obtained from reports of sales in the respective major metropolitan newspapers.

**Historical Data**

Data available from 1960.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available to all subscribers of *Building Industry Prospects*.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Building Industry Prospects* Cost: available on subscription \$880 per annum.

**Timeliness**

Data for respective month is approximately 6-8 weeks after actual sales occur.

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**Description**

Melbourne Land Prices

**Data Detail**

Residential land prices: mean (per block and per m<sup>2</sup>), median (per block and per m<sup>2</sup>), index numbers (nominal and real), annual growth rates (nominal and real), quarterly moving averages (nominal and real).

**Purpose of Data**

To investigate the feasibility of producing a regular land price index for Melbourne, using Valuer-General's data. Data are analysed by type of land use, geographic distribution, distance from CBD, size of block and other quality variables, to evaluate the accuracy of the data and to determine the most appropriate measure of land price trends.

**Geographic Coverage**

Melbourne Statistical District

**Method of Collection**

Data supplied by Victorian Valuers-General's office.

**Historical Data**

Unweighted series: annual 1967-1988, quarterly 1974-1988. LGA weighted series: 1985-1988.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available on request

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Melbourne Land Prices*, Feb. 1990. \$10.

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**Description**

Population and dwelling densities of Australia's major urban centres.

**Data Detail**

Trends in population density and dwelling density of Australia's major urban centres. Regression analysis of density and related factors, especially population size, occupancy rate, motor vehicle ownership, income per capita and distance from CBD.

**Purpose of Data**

To analyse trends in population and dwelling densities of Australia's major urban centres, the likely causes of these trends and their policy implications.

**Geographic Coverage**

Australian urban centres with populations of 25, 000 or more, Melbourne LGAs 1981 and selected world cities for comparison.

**Method of Collection**

Calculations are based on ABS Census and other data. Data for world cities are taken from various international publications.

**Historical Data**

Census years 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available on request.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication**

*Determinants of Urban Density* July 1989. \$10.

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**Description**

Cost of building a new house with basic fittings and finishes.

**Data Detail**

Costs per square metre of the main building area of project houses of various sizes.

**Purpose of Data**

To monitor changes over time of building costs.

**Geographic Coverage**

Metropolitan Perth.

**Frequency of Collection**

Biannually - 30th June and 31st December.

**Method of Collection**

Metropolitan builders provide source information. A sample of project house designs is examined and pricing is calculated.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in July 1973.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Source data is confidential.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Home Building Cost* available on subscription \$5 per issue.

**Timeliness**

2 to 3 months.

## Department of Community Services and Health

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Public Housing and Supported Housing  
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### Description

The 1989 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) provides funds to the States for the provision of public rental housing assistance, and for home purchase assistance to persons in need, especially low income earners. State/Territory governments have flexibility in managing housing programs within broad guidelines.

### Data Detail

State Housing Authorities provide data on the general public rental housing including the Rental Housing Assistance for Pensioners Program, the home purchase assistance program and four specific purpose programs

- Rental Housing Assistance for Aborigines
- the Crisis Accommodation Program
- the Local Government and Community Housing Program
- the Mortgage and Rent Relief Program.

Data provided relate to:

- program fund allocation between programs and States
- numbers assisted, and those on waiting lists for the general public rental/home purchase and specific purpose programs
- socio-economic data on applicants and tenants accommodated
- stock of public housing dwellings.

### Purpose of Data

To monitor the effectiveness of Federal and State funds used for housing assistance programs provided under the CSHA.

### Geographic Coverage

State/Territory basis. Some data available on capital city/rest of State basis.

### Frequency of Collection

Annually.

### Method of Collection

Data are collected by States and forwarded to the Commonwealth.

### Historical Data

Financial data is available from program commencement. The latest *Housing Assistance Act* became operational in 1989. Data is available from the earlier 1978, 1981 and 1984 Acts.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data is available through annual publication of Report.

### Dissemination Media

*Housing Assistance Act 1984 Annual Report*

Data is published in the *Housing Assistance Act 1984 Annual Report* in May of year following completion of the financial year. The *Departmental Annual Report*, published in December, contains preliminary data.

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### Description

Number and characteristics of people assisted under the First Home Owners Scheme to purchase their first home.

### Data Detail

Numbers assisted, amount of assistance provided, family structure of recipients, value of homes purchased, by various cross-tabulations.

### Purpose of Data

To monitor processing of applications for assistance To report on applicants' characteristics and to monitor expenditure and prepare Budgets.

### Geographic Coverage

Data is collected for Australia, all States and Territories.

For the Department's usage most tabulations are on the basis of

- postcode
- electorate
- State
- Australia

which can be generated from our ADP system.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Data is collected on a continuing administrative basis.

### Historical Data

All data is available from date of program commencement, October 1983.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Finest level of geographic classification of data is by postcode.

### Dissemination Media

*Community Services and Health, Department of - Annual Report*  
Data obtained is included in the Department's *Annual Report*.

## Department of Community Services and Health

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### Description

The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) is a Commonwealth/State program. It funds non-government organisations and Local Government Authorities to provide accommodation and related support services to persons who are homeless as a result of crisis, and who may need help to move towards independent living. The main groups to be targeted may include:

- young people
- women and women with children who are homeless and/or in crisis as a result of domestic violence
- families, including single parent families
- single men
- single women

### Data Detail

Data on service providers and client characteristics is obtained from three major collections:

- SAAP Service Provider Data Collection - an ad hoc collection of data on organisations, administrative units, outlets and detached workers
- SAAP Census and National SAAP client data collection (ongoing) collection of number of persons seeking assistance at SAAP funded services
- SAAP Client Data Collection (completed collection) provides a profile of clients - circumstances before/after assistance, services required, duration of stay in accommodation outlets.

### Purpose of Data

Purpose of the data is to monitor service/financial characteristics of all SAAP organisations and characteristics of persons seeking assistance.

### Geographic Coverage

Local Government Area/Statistical Local Area.

### Frequency of Collection

Varies according to each collection type.

### Method of Collection

Varies according to whether service provider or client data.

### Historical Data

SAAP became operational in 1985.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

SAAP data is subject to a certain level of confidentiality which currently restricts the data availability i.e. location addresses of women's refuges in some States are not stored in the system.

**Dissemination Media**

SAAP data is currently included in the 1988 Final Report of the National review of the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program *Homes Away from Home*.

Some data is also included in the Departmental *Annual Report*.

Census data is provided after each census to service providers, peak organisations and State Departments.

*Homes Away from Home*

*Department of Community Services and Health Annual Report*



## Department of Community Services, Tasmania

Housing and Family Services Division  
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### Description

Details of all Departmental dwellings approved and of alterations and additions to existing residential dwellings.

### Data Detail

Number approved and value (approximate completion cost) by various cross classifications:

- type of dwellings (houses, villas, elderly persons units)
- material of outer wall
- material of roof (2 categories)
- material of floor (2 categories)
- type of work (new, alterations, additions).

### Purpose of Data

To provide an indicator of work in the Government sector and dwellings coming into the housing stock.

### Geographic Coverage

Data is published on a regional basis. It can be broken down into suburb or locality.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from authorities issued by the Housing Department to its day labour workforce or private contractors.

### Historical Data

Data is available from 1944.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

2 weeks.

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**Description**

Details of dwellings completed which are to be added to the Department's dwelling stock.

**Data Detail**

- Numbers completed and value by various cross classifications.
- Classification of dwellings (houses, villa units and elderly persons units).

**Purpose of Data**

To provide an indicator of dwelling completions.

**Geographic Coverage**

Data is published on a regional basis. Can be broken down into suburb or locality.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Statistics are compiled from supervisor returns which show the progress of the dwelling.

**Historical Data**

Data available from 1944.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

**Timeliness**

2 weeks.

## Department of Community Services, Tasmania

Housing and Family Services Division  
GPO Box 201  
Glenorchy TAS 7010

**Contact**  
Co-ordinator Housing Information  
Public Housing Branch  
Telephone: (002) 71 8856

### Description

Details of dwellings constructed and purchased, also dwellings sold and demolished.

### Data Detail

Total number of dwellings less total sales equals nett dwellings. By cross classifications:

- dwelling type (houses, villas, units)
- accommodation size (1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom, 4 bedroom)

### Purpose of Data

To provide the number of dwellings under the control of the Department at any one time.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Tasmania is based on local government areas. Can be broken up for smaller geographical areas in non-published formats.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from various sources within the Department.

### Historical Data

All data available from 1944.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

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### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

2-3 weeks.

## Department of Community Services, Tasmania

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Public Housing Branch  
Telephone: (002) 71 8856

### Description

Details of all land purchased and sold by Department in Tasmania.

### Data Detail

Number of hectares and value (\$m) by various cross classifications:

- raw land
- developed lots.

### Purpose of Data

To provide an indicator of the total land stock that the Department retains and that which is available to sell.

### Geographic Coverage

Data is published on a local government area basis.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from data provided by the Department's Property Section.

### Historical Data

All data available since 1954.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

2 weeks.

## Department of Community Services, Tasmania

Housing and Family Services Division

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### Contact

Co-ordinator Housing Information

Public Housing Branch

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### Description

Home Purchase Assistance is aimed at providing home ownership opportunities for those unable to obtain or maintain affordable finance from the private sector.

### Data Detail

Numbers approved and value (\$m) by various cross classifications:

- type of sale (finance)
- source of income
- income level
- age
- suburb.

### Purpose of Data

To record all statistical information regarding sales of Departmental dwellings.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Tasmania. Data is readily available for smaller geographic areas in non-published formats.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from various sources in the Department.

### Historical Data

All data available from July 1985.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

1 week.

## Department of Community Services, Tasmania

Housing and Family Services Division

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### Contact

Co-ordinator Housing Information

Public Housing Branch

Telephone: (002) 71 8856

### Description

Housing assistance is available to all sections of the community irrespective of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, disability or life situations. Priority in providing assistance is determined by the need for the assistance.

### Data Detail

Number of applications by various cross classifications:

- accommodation required
- locality preference
- weekly income
- age
- present accommodation.

The data covers all applicants.

### Purpose of Data

To enable the Department to develop a building program for future years by assessing the level of demand in each area.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Tasmania. Most data is published in local government areas. Data is readily available for smaller geographic areas in non-published formats.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from the regional/district offices around the State from applicants who apply for public housing.

### Historical Data

All data available from 1954.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

3 weeks.

**Department of Community Services, Tasmania**

Housing and Family Services Division  
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**Contact**  
Co-ordinator Housing Information  
Public Housing Branch  
Telephone: (002) 71 8856

**Description**

Private Rental Market Survey

A sampling of the major newspapers 'to let' column. Records all properties listed.

**Data Detail**

Number of dwellings and rental by various cross classifications.

Classification of dwellings (house or units)

3ond.

**Purpose of Data**

To provide a summary of rental activity in the private sector.

**Geographic Coverage**

Data is published annually on a State basis. Data is readily available for further breakdown into smaller geographic areas.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

A sampling of the major newspapers 'to let' column. Records all properties listed.

**Historical Data**

All data available from August 1986.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

**Dissemination Media**

Not published.

**Timeliness**

2-3 weeks.

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### Description

#### Rental rebates

A rental rebate is offered to those Departmental tenants whose income is insufficient to meet the full rent for the dwelling.

### Data Detail

Number ('000s) and value (\$m) by various cross classifications:

- by region or suburb/locality
- pension type
- income range
- age groups
- dwelling type.

### Purpose of Data

To provide an indication of the level of tenants who are paying a reduced rent.

### Geographic Coverage

Data is published annually on a State basis. Data is readily available for smaller geographical areas in non-published formats.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from the daily input of rebate information supplied by the tenant.

### Historical Data

All data available from 1986/87. Some earlier data is available from 1959.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

The Housing Department can make available most data but can not identify individuals. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided by photocopy or clerically extracted tabulation.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Housing and Family Services Annual Report* (more detailed data available on request).

### Timeliness

1 week.



**Department of the Environment, Land and Planning, ACT**

Land Division  
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Canberra ACT 2601  
  
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Director  
Land Sales  
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**Description**

Successful bidders for blocks sold at residential land auctions.

**Data Detail**

Includes location of block, sales price, purchaser details (if multi-unit site, number of units). The same details are available for sale of land over the counter.

**Purpose of Data**

To provide a public service.

**Geographic Coverage**

All data refers to the ACT

**Frequency of Collection**

After each auction. Weekly for sale over the counter.

**Method of Collection**

Lease Administration Branch sales records.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available freely on request.

**Dissemination Media**

A number of sheets listing the successful bidders, no charge.

**Timeliness**

Within 2-3 weeks.

## Department of Environment and Planning, SA

Planning Division  
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Adelaide SA 5000  
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Contact  
Manager  
Forecasting and Land Monitoring Unit  
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### Description

Forecasts of the planned production and consumption of residential allotments. Monitoring of vacant allotment average prices, vacant allotment stocks, lot production, lots in pipeline, broadacres.

### Data Detail

- Allotment stocks by zoning class and ownership and with/without building approval.
- Production by public and private, and houses/other dwellings.
- Pipeline allotments classified by public and private, and status.

### Purpose of Data

Monitor land supply for house building in metropolitan Adelaide. Provide input to LGA population and dwelling forecasts.

### Geographic Coverage

Adelaide Statistical Division for published data (by LGA), unpublished data on allotment production available for the rest of the State. More detailed data on land prices is available from the Department of Lands.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly monitoring, annual forecasts.

### Method of Collection

Production plans for forecasts obtained from developers. Other sources for monitoring include local government authorities, Department of Lands, and South Australian Planning Commission (which is serviced by Department of Environment and Planning).

### Historical Data

Basic data collection commenced in 1980. Some data is available for earlier periods. A more detailed series was introduced in 1984.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restriction on data. A charge may be made for data to be prepared in the form requested.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Land Monitoring Report (quarterly)*

*Vacant Land in Metropolitan Adelaide (ad hoc)*

*Forecast Production and Usage of Allotments for Private Purposes Metropolitan Adelaide (annual).*

### Timeliness

3 months (from end of period to which data relates).

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**Contact**  
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**Description**

Projections of population growth, household formation, ad hoc forecasting and data collection.

**Data Detail**

Dwelling requirements by houses and other dwellings.

**Purpose of Data**

Provides a basis for SA Government policy and capital works programs and provides a context for private investment.

**Geographic Coverage**

South Australia, all local government areas.

**Frequency of Collection**

Annually, or when revision is required.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restriction. A charge may be made for projections to be presented in the form requested.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Projections of Population and Dwellings for Local Government Areas in the Adelaide Statistical Division, 1981-2001.*

*Projections of Household Formation and New Dwelling Requirements for the Adelaide Statistical Division, 1981-2011.*

*Dwelling Projections for Non-metropolitan Local Government Areas in South Australia, 1981-1996.*

*Projections of Household Formation and New Dwelling Requirements for South Australia, 1981-2011.*

**Department of Housing, NSW**

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**Contact**  
Research and Policy Unit  
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**Description**

Demand for public housing.

**Data Detail**

Total number of applicants awaiting allocation.

**Purpose of Data**

To maintain a register of outstanding demand for Department of Housing accommodation.

**Geographic Coverage**

New South Wales.

**Frequency of Collection**

Annual.

**Historical Data**

Data available from 1948.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions.

**Dissemination Media**

Published in the Department's Annual Report.

**Timeliness**

Five months.

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### Description

Performance indicators of the Department's housing and land operations.

### Data Detail

Key performance indicators include:

- Size of the waiting list for public housing
- Number of new applications received and applicants accommodated
- Building activity (dwellings in-contract, commenced and completed)
- Average land development costs
- Average construction costs.

### Purpose of Data

Monitor of the Department's operational performance.

### Geographic Coverage

New South Wales.

### Frequency of Collection

Annual.

### Historical Data

Most data available from 1948. However, there are compatibility problems in some time series data due to changes in collection procedures, definitions, etc.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restrictions.

### Dissemination Media

Published in the Department's Annual Report.

### Timeliness

Five months.

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**Description**

Stock of public housing dwellings throughout the State.

**Data Detail**

Counts for various cross-classifications:

- Type of dwelling (cottage, townhouse, high-rise, etc.)
- Number of bedrooms
- Program type (general, pensioner, singles, housing for Aborigines, etc.).

**Purpose of Data**

To maintain a register of the stock of dwellings controlled by the Department.

**Geographic Coverage**

Postcode, suburb, Local Government Area, State electorate, Departmental region and total for New South Wales.

**Frequency of Collection**

Annual.

**Historical Data**

Regional and totals for New South Wales from 1958. All other areas from 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions.

**Dissemination Media**

Computer printout.

**Timeliness**

Immediate or two weeks if computer run is required.

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**Description**

Details of house and unit prices in Sydney.

**Data Detail**

Data includes the number and price of houses/units sold and a range of descriptive statistics:

- Median and mean value
- Standard deviation
- Quartiles
- Minimum and maximum values.

**Purpose of Data**

Monitor trends in the price of houses and units sold throughout Sydney.

**Geographic Coverage**

Local Government Areas within the Sydney statistical division.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Data supplied by Property and Building Advisory Services. Involves analysis of sales lists supplied by major real estate agent and supplemented by other listings from the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The sample size is estimated at 36% of total sales.

**Historical Data**

Data available from July 1987.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited access.

**Dissemination Media**

Computer printout.

**Timeliness**

One month.

## Department of Lands and Housing, NT

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### Contact

Director

Economic Assessment and Statistics Branch

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### Description

Statistics which are indicative of the demand for serviced land and housing in the Northern Territory.

### Data Detail

Data is available in graphic and tabulated form and is divided into the categories below:

- building approvals
- private land sales
- residential property sales (private sector)
- public rental housing:
  - demand
  - maintenance
  - dwelling stock
  - construction
- dwelling sales (public housing)
- home purchase assistance/ownership:
  - loans administration
  - housing finance for owner occupation.

### Purpose of Data

To analyse, interpret and monitor trends on a range of housing related subjects.

### Geographic Coverage

Data encompasses the Northern Territory as a whole as well as major centres within the Territory (Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy).

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly and annually.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from ABS publications, internal statistical reports, data from the Office of the Valuer General in the Northern Territory.

### Historical Data

Housing data is available on a quarterly basis from August 1983 to March 1987. From March 1987 onward, information is available for both land and housing. Data provided on an annual basis is available from 1964-65.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restrictions.



**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Lands & Housing, NT, Department of - Housing Situation Report* quarterly (up to March 1987).

*Land and Housing Monitor* six monthly (current).

*Northern Territory Housing Commission Annual Report.*

**Timeliness**

12 weeks.

## NSW Department of Planning

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Policy Division  
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### Description

Residential urban development program for Sydney and Gosford/Wyong.  
Estimates of lot production over a five year period.

### Data Detail

- Dwelling commencements and completions
- Population estimates
- Household size estimates
- Vacancy rate estimates
- Occupancy rates estimates
- Dwelling type estimates

### Purpose of Data

To ensure adequate supply of new residential lot.

### Geographic Coverage

14 Local Government Areas:

- Baulkham Hills
- Blacktown
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Fairfield
- Hawkesbury
- Hornsby
- Liverpool
- Penrith
- Sutherland
- Warringah
- Gosford
- Wyong
- Wollondilly

### Frequency of Collection

Half yearly.

### Method of Collection

Local government authorities. DOH and development industry.

### Historical Data

Nil.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Report, after the endorsement of the Urban Development Committee and the Minister, is available to the public.

### Dissemination Media

**Publication:**

*NSW Department of Planning Report*

### Timeliness

Available end of each year.

## Department of Planning and Urban Development, WA

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### Description

Subdivision statistics data are available for the Perth Metropolitan Region in the following three broad categories:

- preliminary subdivision approvals
- final subdivision approvals
- strata title approvals.

### Data Detail

The following tables are published for the Perth Metropolitan region each quarter.

- Approvals granted - monthly, quarterly, financial and calendar years.
- Residential lots under 3000m<sup>2</sup> given Preliminary approval.
- Residential lots under 3000m<sup>2</sup> granted Final approval.
- Residential lots under 3000m<sup>2</sup> granted Final approval by ownership.
- Quarterly stock of residential lots under 3000m<sup>2</sup> granted Preliminary but not Final approval.

The following graphs are published for the Perth Metropolitan Region each quarter.

- Lots approval - months - barchart.
- Calendar years and financial years - barcharts.
- Preliminary approvals - sector - pie chart.
- Final approvals - sector - pie chart.
- (Note: Tables 1, 2 and 4 and Graphs 1 and 2 are published each monthly period between the release of the quarterly subdivision statistics.)

Some of these data are also available on Country Subdivision statistics on request.

### Purpose of Data

This data is used by both the government and private sector to monitor land production.

### Geographic Coverage

Local Government Authority area (can be obtained by census collector districts on request).

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Original information collected and entered into computer as a result of the State Planning Commission's requirements to process and approve/disapprove subdivision applications.

### Historical Data

Available from 1980.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data on each applicants, or land owners, specific application not available for publication.

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**Description**

Stock of Single Residential Vacant Lots data is available for the Perth Metropolitan Region.  
Includes statistics on:

- Preliminary approvals.
- Final approvals.
- Demolitions.
- Lots consumed.
- Stock of Single Residential Vacant Lots.

**Data Detail**

The following tables are published for the Perth Metropolitan region each quarter.

- Stock of single residential vacant lots by Local Government Authority - quarterly, financial and calendar years.
- Stock of Single Residential Vacant Lots, Perth Metropolitan region - financial years.
- Stock of Single Residential Vacant Lots sectors - financial years.

The following graphs are published for the Perth Metropolitan Region each quarter.

Lot consumption - building activity - quarters - barchart.

- Single residential vacant lot stocks - financial years barcharts.
- Lot production and consumption - financial years - barchart.
- Single residential vacant lot stocks - sector - barchart.
- Single residential vacant lot stocks - sector - pie chart.

**Purpose of Data**

This data is used by both the government and private sector to monitor the stock of single residential vacant lots available for housing.

**Geographic Coverage**

Local Government Authority area (can be obtained by census collector districts on request).

**Frequency of Collection**

Quarterly.

**Method of Collection**

Demolition and lot consumption data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Other information collected by the Department.

**Historical Data**

Available from 1980/81.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Not applicable.

**Dissemination Media**

Not stated.

## Department of Planning and Housing, Vic

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### Description

Details of residential subdivisions by Local Government Area (L.G.A.).

### Data Detail

Information is collected at six stages in the subdivision process.

- Residential lots in subdivisions granted approval by Councils.
- Residential lots in subdivisions certified by Councils.
- Residential lots for which Water Supply Conditions accepted by developers.
- Residential lots commenced (i.e. number of residential lots for which construction commenced).
- Residential lot release (i.e. number of lots for which a municipal council has informed the Titles Office that title release can proceed).
- Residential lots in plans approved by the Titles Office.

Information on each LGA includes the following:

- Local Government Area
- number of lots
- current stage in the subdivision process.

### Purpose of Data

To help provide trend indicators of the pattern and rate of Melbourne's outer residential development

### Geographic Coverage

Melbourne

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly

### Method of Collection

Statistics are compiled from municipal council records, water authorities, and the Titles Office.

### Historical Data

Data is available from 1980

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

*Residential Land Bulletins* are published by the Dept. on a three monthly basis.

### Dissemination Media

Tables  
Graphs  
Maps

### Timeliness

3 months

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### Description

Dual occupancy dwelling approvals for metropolitan Melbourne.

### Data Detail

Number of dual occupancy dwellings approved within each Statistical Local Area.

Number of dual occupancy dwellings approved as a percentage of all dwellings approved within each Statistical Local Area.

### Purpose of Data

To indicate the extent to which the dual occupancy provisions of the Planning Scheme are being taken up within metropolitan Melbourne.

### Geographic Coverage

The main geographic unit is the Statistical Local Area, although a regional perspective is also presented using seven sub-regions.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics who compile them from building permits issued by local government authorities.

### Historical Data

All data available from January 1986. (The dual occupancy provisions were introduced in November 1985).

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data is published in the

*Melbourne Housing Market Bulletin* (annual) and

*Melbourne Residential Land Bulletin* (quarterly)

Data is first published in

*Building Approvals, Victoria* Cat. No. (8731.2)

### Dissemination Media

Tables

Maps

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**Description**

Residential demolitions by LGA.

**Data Detail**

Allotments

**Purpose of Data**

To monitor land supply and demand

**Geographic Coverage**

Urban Local Government Area and metropolitan summary

**Frequency of Collection**

Published quarterly

**Method of Collection**

Survey of State Electricity Commission records

**Historical Data**

Commenced June quarter 1976

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

*Residential Land Bulletin* published by Dept. on a quarterly basis.

**Dissemination Media**

Available by post on request.

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**Description**

Cost Rent System

**Data Detail**

Market/Economic/Cost rents, property details

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State.

**Frequency of Collection**

Ongoing.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy



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**Description**

Emergency Housing.

**Data Detail**

Services requested, assistance provided, client profiles - for people requesting housing information, Housing Establishment Fund of emergency accommodation.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State, Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1986.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy

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**Description**

Home Lending Programs (VILA)

**Data Detail**

Accounting details for home lending programs.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State.

**Frequency of Collection**

Daily.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency. Records held by another agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1982.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy

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### Description

Property Management, Client Management Information Systems.

### Data Detail

Property details:

- Physical details of properties
- Tenancy
- Waiting List

Allocations:

- Demographic details
- Tenancy details

### Geographic Coverage

All of State, Melbourne suburbs, country towns and cities.

### Frequency of Collection

Daily.

### Method of Collection

Administrative records of Agency.

### Historical Data

Records dating back to property details - on pre 1950s properties.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Limited.

### Dissemination Media

Hardcopy

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Manager Special Housing  
Housing Finance Group  
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**Description**

Housing standards statistics.

**Data Detail**

Details of reports and complaints received, and orders issued for units to be repaired or demolished.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State, Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Continuous.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of Agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Manual presentation (e.g. cards, files, reports and tabulations).

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Research Unit  
Housing Finance Group  
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**Description**

Housing Assistance Scheme.

**Data Detail**

Details of persons on the waiting list and of persons assisted with a loan.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State Local Government area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Daily.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of Agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1987 but uses data from previous system.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

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New Housing Group  
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**Description**

New Housing Group Project Information System.

**Data Detail**

Budget control, project planning and management, contract administration.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State.

**Frequency of Collection**

Continuous.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy

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**Description**

Project Management Information System.

**Data Detail**

Property financial and construction project details.

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State, Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Daily.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1981.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy

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A/Branch Manager

Spot Purchase

Property Land & Rehabilitation

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**Description**

Spot Purchase (ICL) System.

**Data Detail**

Financial, physical and project management details on all Spot Purchase units (property is purchased on the open market by the Department solely for the purposes of public rental).

**Geographic Coverage**

All of State, Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Continuous.

**Method of Collection**

Administrative records of agency.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Limited.

**Dissemination Media**

Hardcopy



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Housing Analysis Group  
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**Description**

Private rental market monitoring system.

**Data Detail**

Rent levels and availability of stock in the Melbourne private rental market.

**Geographic Coverage**

Melbourne, Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Data on rent levels and availability obtained from *The Age* newspaper "houses and flat to let" column advertisements, from first Saturday of each month.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in June 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available to public/outside agencies.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Housing & Construction, Vic, Ministry of - Rental Report* Quarterly publication.

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Statistical Analysis Section

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### Description

Family Allowance Supplement (FAS) recipients who are also receiving rent assistance.

### Data Detail

FAS recipients

- by family type
  - by rent type.
  - by rent type by amount of rent (\$ pw) by number of children (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and over)
- with rent assistance
  - by family type by weekly and average amount of rent assistance (\$ pw)
  - by rent type by weekly and average rent (\$ pw)
  - by amount of rent assistance (\$ pw)
  - by amount of rent paid (\$ pw).

### Geographic Coverage

Australia only for FAS recipients by family type by rent type by amount of rent (\$ pw) by number of children (1,2,3,4,5 and over), Australia and States for other categories.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly.

### Method of Collection

Complete count of recipients of Family Allowance Supplement payment at time of survey.

### Historical Data

Commenced 8 January 1988.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Survey of Family Allowance Supplement Recipients and Pensioners and Beneficiaries with Children* for FAS recipients receiving rent assistance by amount of rent assistance (\$ pw) and FAS recipients receiving rent assistance by amount of rent paid (\$ pw).

Computer printout and microfiche: for the other items.

### Timeliness

Approximately 8 weeks after the survey date.

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### Description

Surveys of people receiving pensions including recipients of

- age, invalid, wives and carers pensions, sheltered employment and rehabilitation allowance, and
- widowed pensioners and sole parent pensioners.

### Data Detail

- Pension type by home ownership by income as assessed (summary - \$ pw) or assets as assessed (summary - \$ value) by rate (single, married standard, married general) by sex.
- Pension type by number holding PHB card by rate by number of children and students for additional pension by number of households and homeowners.
- Non-Government renters paid under income test by amount of rent (\$ pw) by income as assessed (\$ pw) by pension type by rate (single/married) by with/without rent assistance
- Government renters paid under income test by amount of rent (\$ pw) by income as assessed (\$ pw) by pension type by rate (single/married) by with/without rent assistance
- Pensioners receiving rent assistance by pension type by rate (single/married) by rent type by amount of rent assistance (\$ pw)
- Home ownership by rent type by pension type (summary) by paid under income or assets test
- Pensioners receiving rent assistance Department of Social Security by pension type by rate (single/married) by rent type by no. of dependent children by amount of rent assistance (\$ pw)

### Geographic Coverage

Australia and States.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly (Australia); six monthly (December and June) (States).

### Method of Collection

Complete count of pensioner receiving DSS payment at time of survey.

### Historical Data

Commenced in 1981.

### Dissemination Media

Computer printout  
Microfiche

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Statistical Services and Analysis Section

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### Description

Rent assistance for sickness, special and unemployment beneficiaries.

### Data Detail

Beneficiaries in receipt of rent assistance

- with or without children by assessment basis by weekly rate of rent assistance by State.
- by family type by weekly rent paid by assessment basis.
- by rent type by assessment basis by weekly rent paid by family type and number of children.
- by sex by age by state.
- by family type by rate of rent assistance by duration of benefit.

### Purpose of Data

To assist in analysis of characteristics of benefits recipients.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia and DSS Administrative States.

Data by type and sex is available by DSS region.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly (Aug, Nov, Feb, May.)

### Method of Collection

Complete count of beneficiaries receiving DSS payments at time of survey.

### Historical Data

Collection of sickness beneficiaries data commenced in 1967, all others commenced in 1986.

### Dissemination Media

Publication:

*Survey of Sickness Benefit Recipients* Annual, in February.

*Survey of Special Benefit Recipients* Annual, in August

*Survey of Unemployment Benefit Recipients* (quarterly)

**Microfiche.** Quarterly.

### Timeliness

Publication: 3 1/2 months.

Microfiche: 2 months.

**Government Employee's Housing Authority, WA**

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**Description**

Details of Company operations.

**Data Detail**

Data includes details of provision and disposal of accommodation, property maintenance, property improvements, furniture and fittings. Company records such as profit and loss statements and accommodation inventory.

**Purpose of Data**

Company official records.

**Geographic Coverage**

Western Australia.

**Method of Collection**

Data is collected on a continuing administrative basis.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Government Employee's Housing Authority, WA Annual Report*

Data obtained is included in the Department's *Annual Report*.

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Contact  
Ms Sue Paterson  
Policy and Planning  
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### Description

Local Government Community Housing Programme statistics. (Allocation of capital grants).

### Data Detail

- Type, Local Government authorities, local communities and co-operatives.
- Approvals for funding
- Commencements
- In Progress
- Completions

### Purpose of Data

Operational.

### Geographic Coverage

Town/region or LGA.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data. Project data on manual files. Financial data on PC computers.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data available to government agencies.

### Dissemination Media

Paper.

### Timeliness

From 2 to 4 weeks.

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**Description**

Crisis Accommodation Programme statistics. (Allocation of capital grants).

**Data Detail**

Approvals for funding

**Purpose of Data**

Operational.

**Geographic Coverage**

Town/region or LGA.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Internal data. Project data on manual files. Financial data on PC computer.

**Historical Record**

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Data available to government agencies.

**Dissemination Media**

Paper.

**Timeliness**

From 2 to 4 weeks.

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### Description

Emergency Housing statistics.

### Data Detail

Applicants

Referrals

### Purpose of Data

Operational, planning and policy formulation.

### Geographic Coverage

Town/region.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data. Manual files. Running total exists.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 2-3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available to government agencies.

### Dissemination Media

Paper.

### Timeliness

4 weeks.



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### Description

Land Statistics

### Data Detail

- Stock
- Development
- Acquisition
- Disposal

### Purpose of Data

Operational and forward planning.

### Geographic Coverage

LGA and Statistical District

### Frequency of Collection

Ad hoc and monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data.

### Historical Record

July 1989 onwards computerised, prior to July 1989 manual.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available to government agencies subject to approval.

### Dissemination Media

Paper based and magnetic tape (subject to cost).

### Timeliness

4 weeks paper based

8 weeks tape (subject to approval)

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### Description

Public Purchase Scheme statistics.

### Data Detail

Demand

Construction programme progress by schemes: instead of approvals, commencements, completions.

Loans by schemes - approvals, commencements, completions.

### Purpose of Data

Operational, planning and formulation of future public housing policy.

### Geographic Coverage

Town/Homeswest region.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data. Electronic and manual.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restrictions.

### Dissemination Media

Paper

### Timeliness

4 weeks.

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### Description

Rental Support and Bond Assistance statistics.

### Data Detail

Number of applicants - approved and declined.

Value of assistance.

Average private rent applicants are paying.

Recipient by household type and by income source.

### Purpose of Data

For planning and determination of future assistance requirements.

### Geographic Coverage

Town/region.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data. Electronic and manual.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data available to government agencies.

### Dissemination Media

Computer tape.

### Timeliness

From 4 to 8 weeks subject to approval.

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### Description

Rental housing tenant statistics.

### Data Detail

Family income of new tenants.

Rebates by income and family size.

Cost rent to rebate ratio.

### Purpose of Data

Operational, planning and formulation of future public housing policy.

### Geographic Coverage

Suburb/Town/Homeswest region.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data through mainframe computer.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restrictions.

### Dissemination Media

Mainframe batch reports.

### Timeliness

From 4 to 8 weeks.

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### Description

Public Rental Housing statistics

### Data Detail

Public rental stock by schemes, dwelling types and number of bedroom units:

Construction and purchase

Sales

Demolitions

Waiting Times

Applicants

- opening balance
- listings
- application for transfers
- withdrawals
- allocation or occupation by normal, priority, joint venture and emergency
- closing balance

Vacations (stock turnover)

Number of units vacated in period

Average number of days under maintenance, vacant and to relet

### Purpose of Data

Operational, planning and formulation of future Public Housing policy.

### Geographic Coverage

Suburb/Town/Homeswest region.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Internal data through mainframe computer. Waiting times data is manually collected and processed.

### Historical Record

Data covering preceding 3 years is available.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

No restrictions.

### Dissemination Media

Mainframe batch reports.

### Timeliness

From 2 to 4 weeks.

## Housing Industry Association

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Chief Economist  
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### Description

Housing Affordability Index, measuring the ability of the average Australian family to buy a typical first home.

### Data Detail

Figures are given for:

- median prices for new and established houses and other dwellings
- average annual household disposable income
- housing interest rates
- monthly payments
- qualifying annual income
- affordability index.

### Purpose of Data

To provide a guide to movements in access to home ownership of a prospective home buyer.

### Geographic Coverage

Capital city and rest of State for all States and Canberra

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly.

### Method of Collection

From the March quarter 1988 dwelling price data are obtained from a census of all Commonwealth Bank loan approvals. In compiling the Affordability Index, house price data prior to 1988 were obtained from a sample of established dwellings purchased by first home buyers. Median prices for capital cities and rest of state at the national level are obtained by applying State shares of loan commitments by all major lenders (ABS, *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation*, Cat. No. 5609.0).

The series of seasonally adjusted household disposable income was obtained from ABS, *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure, Australia*, Cat. No. 5206.0. Annual estimates of households were provided by the Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry and interpolated to derive quarterly figures.

The interest rate series is the predominant rate on savings banks housing loans for owner-occupants at mid-quarter obtained from the Reserve Bank, *Statistical Bulletins*, (various issues), with some adjustment for loans other than variable rate (e.g. fixed rate loans).

The estimated monthly payment was derived using the median price of dwellings paid by first home buyers, a loan amount equivalent to 80% of the purchase price on a 25 year *credit foncier* loan.

The estimate of qualifying income was based on the rule of thumb that loan repayments represent 30 per cent of household gross income.

The affordability index measures the ratio of average disposable household income to qualifying disposable income.

**Historical Data**

Previous five years available.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available from the Housing Industry Association and the Commonwealth Bank.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Housing Industry Association Housing Report* quarterly.

**Timeliness**

8 weeks.

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### Description

Number of commencements and (net) sales of private houses. Number of completed but unsold houses.

### Data Detail

Commencements and net sales available in unadjusted and seasonally adjusted forms. Historical data presented in graphs and tables.

### Purpose of Data

Leading indicator of new housing activity.

### Geographic Coverage

All Australian States and Territories except Tasmania and Northern Territory.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Voluntary participation by large builders. Coverage of private house commencements by state is approximately:

• NSW	22%
• Vic.	15%
• Qld.	15%
• WA	40%
• SA	55%
• ACT	20%
• Australia	22%

Coverage of unsold stocks is not able to be quantified.

### Historical Data

Commenced in 1978.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

All available data is published at the aggregate level. Returns from participating builders are confidential.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Volume Builder Survey* Cost: Available on subscription \$265 per annum.

### Timeliness

5 weeks.



## Housing Industry Association, WA

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Chief Executive  
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### Data Detail

Selected ABS statistics, selected other published statistics, HIA forecasts, HIA On Site Cost Index, Housing Trends Survey, Housing Needs Survey.

### Purpose of Data

Member information and budgeting.

### Geographic Coverage

WA with some regional data.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly and Quarterly.

### Method of Collection

Compendium of available, derived and additional statistics.

### Historical Data

Available from March 1986.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Freely available on subscription.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Quarterly Survey of Housing Activity in Western Australia* Available on annual subscription for \$275.

*Monthly Housing Trends Survey of Activity in metropolitan areas* Available on annual subscription for \$275.

*Housing Needs Survey* Available on subscription on quarterly basis for \$800.

### Timeliness

Monthly and Quarterly.

## Housing Loans Insurance Corporation

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### Description

Details of home ownership loans insured by:

- a) purpose of loan;
- b) loan to valuation ratio;
- c) size of loans;
- d) lender class.

### Data Detail

Data is for loans greater than 75% of valuation only.

- a) Data is a percentage distribution by States and Territories. Purpose of loan classifications:
  - \* build or buy new house;
  - \* buy established house;
  - \* buy new or established strata unit;
  - \* other.
- b) Data is a percentage distribution by States and Territories. Loan to valuation ratios:
  - \* 76-80%
  - \* 81-85%
  - \* 86-90
  - \* over 90%.
- c) Data is a percentage distribution by States and Territories by size of loan.
- d) Data is a percentage distribution of loans insured by Commonwealth by lender class. Lender classes are shown:
  - \* Building Societies
  - \* Banks
  - \* Mortgage Management Companies
  - \* Credit Unions
  - \* Other.

### Purpose of Data

Internal purposes.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published is derived from all States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

Annually.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from administrative records within the Corporation.

### Historical Data

All information prior to 1977/78 includes all home ownership loans insured regardless of loan to valuation ratio.

- a) Data in the current format is available from 1985-86. Data from 1965-66 to 1984-85 shown as number and amount of loans rather than percentage distribution.
- b) 1965/66 to 1975/76 - Tables by number of loans insured. 1976/77 to 1980/81 and 1985/86 to 1988/89 - Percentage distribution of loans insured.
- c) 1985/86 - 1988/89 - Percentage distribution. 1984/85 and 1965/66 to 1975/76 - Number of loans insured.
- d) 1988/89 - Percentage distribution. 1965/66 to 1984/85 - Number of loans insured.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Only information contained in the *Annual Report* is available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Housing Loans Insurance Corporation Annual Report*

**Timeliness**

Those associated with publication of annual report.

## Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry (IPC)

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### Description

IPC *Long-term Projections Report*, which provides projections of the medium to long-term underlying requirements for new dwellings. Provides projections at both the national and the State or Territory level.

### Data Detail

Underlying requirements by State or Territory. Draws upon data from ABS Census of Population and Housing; Estimated Resident Population (3101.0); Consumer Price Index (6401.0); and National accounts publications.

### Purpose of Data

Provide a firm basis for forward planning by governments and industry.

### Geographic Coverage

State or Territory level.

### Frequency of Publication

Every five years, first published in 1984.

### Method of Collection

Existing sources, especially ABS data.

### Historical Data

Census data from 1954 or 1961 onwards; economic data from 1958-59; historical projections from 1961.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available free on request from IPC Secretariats, or from AGPS Bookshops (standard prices).

### Dissemination Media

Publication:

*Long-term Projection Report - Indicative Planning Council.*

### Timeliness

Published one to two months after reference period; projections for twenty years ahead.

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### Description

*IPC Residential Land Report*, which provides an assessment of the medium to long-term availability of residential land. Identifies data deficiencies, examines institutional processes, and makes recommendations for actions by industry and Commonwealth, State or Territory, and Local governments. Provides a national overview and detailed assessments for major urban areas in each State or Territory.

### Data Detail

Underlying demand by State or Territory, and region within. Data for major urban areas (Statistical divisions) on current stocks of residential land at each stage of the development pipeline: broadectares, uncompleted allotments, and completed allotments. Some data are given at LGA level.

### Purpose of Data

Provide a firm basis for forward planning by governments and the land development industry.

### Geographic Coverage

State and Territory capital cities, plus certain other urban centres. Concentrates on urban fringe areas; land zoned "rural" is out of scope.

### Frequency of Publication

Annual, first published 1990.

### Method of Collection

In each State or Territory, data were collected and aggregated from existing sources.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available free on request from IPC Secretariats in capital cities, or from AGPS Bookshops (standard prices).

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Residential Land Report - Indicative Planning Council.*

### Timeliness

Published one to two months after reference period; forecasts to six years ahead.

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### **Description**

IPC *Resources Report*, published every two years. Assesses availability of land, labour, and materials for the housing industry at the national and State or Territory level, over the next five years. Considers issues that can affect resource availability and industry efficiency.

### **Data Detail**

Draws upon data and forecasts published in IPC Short-term prospects reports and Long-term prospects reports (see separate entries). Additional data come from various sources, including the Construction Forecasting Committee (CFC) within DITAC. ABS data sources include Catalogue Numbers 5204.0, 5206.0, 6401.0, 6407.0, 6408.0, 6534.0, 8204.0, 8731.0, and 8752.0; microfiche tables; and various unpublished data. Other sources include the Urban Development Institute of Australia and the Department of Employment, Education, and Training.

### **Purpose of Data**

Assist in policy making by Commonwealth and State or Territory Governments; and in broad planning by the housing and related industries.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Australia, States, and Territories, with detailed data for capital cities.

### **Frequency of Publication**

Every two years. Not published separately in 1990; subsumed in Short-term prospects report and the Residential land reports.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available free on request from IPC Secretariat, or from AGPS Bookshops (standard prices).

### **Dissemination Media**

Printed report.

### **Timeliness**

Published one to two months after reference period; forecast to five years ahead.

## Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry (IPC)

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### Description

IPC *Short-term Prospects Report*, published half-yearly. Presents IPC assessments of housing industry conditions and short-term forecasts of activity. Covers recent trends and current conditions in the economy in Australia, and their effects on the housing and rental markets, the building industry, and housing finance. Includes bases of forecasts, economic prospects, and underlying demand for new dwellings; and forecasts of dwelling commencements. Assesses resources of land, labour, and materials; provides both Australian summary and State or Territory details.

### Data Detail

Dwelling commencements from ABS *Building Activity Survey* (ABS Cats. 8750.0, 8752.0-8), plus IPC forecasts. Other ABS sources include Catalogue Numbers 5206.0, 5608.0, 5609.0, 5610.0, 6401.0, and 6408.0; plus unpublished data. Land prices and average house construction time are estimates from IPC surveys. Other sources include Reserve Bank of Australia *Bulletin*, Commonwealth Bank, BIS Shrapnel, Valuers-General, and REIA *Market Facts*.

### Purpose of Data

Activity and demand monitoring; planning by Commonwealth, State or Territory, and Local Governments; business and production planning by industry groups and individual enterprises.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia, States, and Territories, with detailed data for capital cities.

### Frequency of Publication

Half-yearly, in April and October.

### Method of Collection

Telephone surveys, industry visits, and monitoring for IPC by DITAC offices.

### Historical Data

IPC data and forecasts available from 1974 onwards.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available free on request from IPC Secretariat, at standard DITAC prices; forecasting methodology confidential to IPC. Long-term forecastin model methodology documented in long-term reports.

### Dissemination Media

Printed reports.

### Timeliness

Published one month after reference period; forecasts to two years ahead.

## Land Titles Office, NSW

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Project and Relief Officer  
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### Description

Land transactions by number - active number allotments not quoted, values not quoted, geographic area not quoted. The transactions cover all land dealings (Torrens title, old system and Crown Land) for NSW with Torrens Title being the main transaction.

### Data Detail

Data is collected according to type of dealing lodged, each of which has specific field formats. (Transfers, for example, reveal vendors and purchasers name, identification of land being transferred, location and details of person lodging dealing.) Various other data items are on the form but are not presently collected. All dealings are microfilmed.

### Purpose of Data

To provide basic information on land transactions. The information is used by staff, the general public, solicitors, law stationers, banks, building societies, and surveyors who require information to search and identify land.

### Geographic Coverage

NSW total, one central registry.

### Frequency of Collection

Daily collection with quarterly summaries.

### Method of Collection

The information is collected at the point of lodgement of dealing and stored in a P.S.B. computer.

### Historical Data

Data is available from the start of each land system (in the case of Torrens Title from 1863).

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

All land title records are public records. The only restriction is to some documents in security areas from which a photocopy service is available.

### Dissemination Media

Computer printout  
Microfiche  
Personal computer access (staff and public)  
On-line land title information through an automated land titles system.

### Timeliness

Information from dealings collected at the point of lodgement are available the next day. There is a delay of 1 week in the case of quarterly reports.



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**Description**

Results of weekly auction sales, Melbourne.

**Data Detail**

Result of auction, price of sale and/or reserve price. Property characteristics (no. of rooms, material of construction, selling agent).

**Purpose of Data**

Monitoring the real estate market.

**Geographic Coverage**

Melbourne metropolitan - by individual address.

**Frequency of Collection**

Weekly - summary tables produced monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Reported sales to *Age Newspaper*. Includes only properties offered for auction.

**Historical Data**

Began January 1989.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Individual and aggregate summaries available. Some restrictions on information.

**Dissemination Media**

Printed tables  
Floppy disk  
Cost according to information required.

**Timeliness**

Material available in first week of month following. Quarterly and annual summaries within one month of period's end.

**Master Builders' - Construction & Housing Association of Australia**

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**Contact**  
Director Economics & Housing  
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**Description**

Average rents.

**Data Detail**

Weighted average rents per week for three bedroom and two bedroom properties in Australian state and territory capital cities and Newcastle.

**Geographic Coverage**

Capital cities and Newcastle at the suburb or local government area level.

**Frequency of Collection**

Biannually - June and December.

**Method of Collection**

Census of all classified advertisements in the "to let" column of each capital city's major newspaper in the first Saturday of each month of the quarter. Interpretation of results should be qualified by:

- average rent for each capital city is weighted according to the number of available properties in each suburb
- figures are an indicator of access costs for new rental accommodation but do not necessarily reflect the whole rental market
- the large number of surveyed properties tend to cancel out the problem of quality difference.

**Historical Data**

Commenced June 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Freely available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*National Rental Roundup* Available on subscription \$50 per annum.

**Timeliness**

Six weeks.

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**Description**

Job vacancies for building trades.

**Data Detail**

Advertised job vacancies for 11 building trades in each capital city and selected regional cities in Australia.

**Purpose of Data**

To monitor changes in the job market.

**Geographic Coverage**

State & territory capitals plus Newcastle, Cairns and Townsville.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Daily census of all classified advertisements in the "employment" column of each capital city's major newspapers. Results do not distinguish between employment in housing or commercial building.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1985.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Freely available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Construction & Housing News.*

**Timeliness**

3 weeks.

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**Description**

Results of MB-CHAA survey of current industry conditions and prospects in each state and territory.

**Data Detail**

Responses by MB-CHAA members on their assessment of current building activity and prospects.

**Purpose of Data**

Market intelligence.

**Geographic Coverage**

All States and Territories in Australia.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly

**Method of Collection**

Survey forms sent to approximately 300 building contractors in the housing and commercial building sectors.

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1989.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Freely available.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Construction & Housing News.*

**Timeliness**

6 weeks.

**Master Builders Association of WA**

35 Havelock Street  
West Perth WA 6005  
Telephone: (09) 322 5133

**Contact**  
Gavan Forster  
Telephone: (09) 322 5133

**Description**

Building and construction review

**Data Detail**

Economic trends and prospects in the WA Building and Construction Industry. All sectors covered.

**Purpose of Data**

Overview of trends.

**Geographic Coverage**

All WA

**Frequency of Collection**

Bi-annually - April and October

**Method of Collection**

Subscription

**Historical Data**

Since 1982

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Subscription \$40 per year

**Dissemination Media**

Publication

**Timeliness**

Current

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**Description**  
Building Pulse

**Data Detail**  
Survey of Business Opinion of housebuilders and commercial contractors.

**Purpose of Data**  
Overview of economic trends.

**Geographic Coverage**  
All WA

**Frequency of Collection**  
Quarterly - March, June, September, December

**Method of Collection**  
Freely available.

**Historical Data**  
Since March 1990

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**  
No restrictions

**Timeliness**  
Current.

## **The Professionals Real Estate Group, WA**

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General Manager  
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### **Description**

Real estate sales by members of organisation.

### **Data Detail**

Sales by number, value, residential, land, commercial by price range, type of buyer, type of finance, reasons for selling and sales per suburb.

### **Purpose of Data**

To provide market trends and assist with market campaigns.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Perth Metropolitan suburb and surrounding areas, plus a limited number of country towns.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

### **Method of Collection**

Data from members. 600 sales per month (total). Accurately records all sales by group members.

### **Historical Data**

Data analysis commenced in January 1982. Further analysis introduced in February 1987.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Selectively, on request. Usually to related industries and government departments.

### **Dissemination Media**

Photocopy of printout summaries. No charge to user.

### **Timeliness**

1 week.

## Property and Building Advisory Services, NSW Pty Ltd

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East Lindfield NSW 2070  
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Contact  
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### Description

Median prices and estimated sales of houses and home units in Sydney local government areas and seven Sydney regions.

### Data Detail

Number sold and median prices (\$) by:

- class of established dwelling (houses and home units)
- local government areas and regions within Sydney statistical division

The data cover sales of established dwellings made through real estate agents. Some are available in constant prices as well as current values. Graphs are produced for 7 Sydney regions and the Sydney Statistical division, including forecasts for next 18 to 24 months.

### Purpose of Data

To provide residential real estate sale and price estimates for the Sydney statistical division and local areas not currently available from any other source in a format similar to that provided by the SA Valuer-General's office for the Adelaide Division. To provide the basis for producing quarterly forecasts up to 2 years ahead of sales and prices in the Sydney region.

### Geographic Coverage

Data published for Sydney local government areas and 7 Sydney regions only. Information has been collected for Newcastle, Wollongong and Rest of NSW and recorded in our data base, but has not yet been analysed.

### Frequency of Collection

Data is collected monthly but only published on a quarterly basis in the Sydney Real Estate Report. Monthly figures are supplied to the NSW Department of Housing on a special annual contract basis.

### Method of Collection

Statistics are calculated from sales lists supplied by leading real estate agents to Property and Building Advisory Services and to the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Approximately 1500 to 2000 observations entered each month covering residential real estate sales in NSW made through real estate agents. It is estimated that the reported sales represent around 30 per cent of total sales made in NSW. As the sample is a voluntary one no statistical measures of sampling error or reliability are possible. The number of observations obtained exclude sales made other than through recognised real estate agents. This means that new dwelling sales are generally excluded as most of these are made direct by developers (of land, house and land package or home units).

### Historical Data

Quarterly sales and median price data available from March 1982. Unpublished data on medians, lower quartiles, upper quartiles, means, minimums, maximums and standard deviations available since July 1987.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

PBAS can make available data on a monthly or quarterly basis which are not included in the regular quarterly publication. This can be provided in the form of special printouts or on floppy disk. A charge is made for providing unpublished information in these forms.



**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Sydney Real Estate Report* (annual subscription \$220)

**Floppy Disk**

**Computer Printout**

Price dependent on amount and detail of data required.

**Timeliness**

2 weeks for monthly unpublished data, 4 weeks for quarterly published report.

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**Data Detail**

Co-operative Housing Societies annual returns.

**Method of Collection**

Departmental records.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information supplied to various Government bodies. No restrictions apply.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Statistics, Queensland Department of - Annual Report of Department.*

Hand written copy

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**Description**

Housing finance for owner occupation.

**Data Detail**

New lending commitments during month, i.e. number of dwellings and value.

**Method of Collection**

Departmental records.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Available to other Government Departments only.

**Dissemination Media**

Printed report  
Hand written copy

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**Description**

Rental construction approvals and commencements.

**Data Detail**

Details of units approved and commenced each month.

**Method of Collection**

Departmental records.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions.

**Dissemination Media**

Aggregation on collection form  
Hand written copy

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**Description**

Queensland Housing Commission building statistics.

**Data Detail**

Queensland Housing Commission rental and mortgage construction complete, started, under construction, and completed.

**Method of Collection**

Departmental records.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information is supplied to Reserve Bank. No restrictions apply.

**Dissemination Media**

Monthly letter

Hand written copy

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Senior Research Officer  
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### **Description**

Rental demand and rent levels.

### **Data Detail**

- Number of vacant properties
- Vacancy rate net management rate
- Length of tenancy
- Market demand and rent levels by dwelling type and number of bedrooms
- Time taken to let per cent over quarter by number of week.

Data presented in modal categories and medians.

### **Purpose of Data**

Analysis of long term trends in the private residential rental market.

### **Geographic Coverage**

All capital cities. Includes Launceston, Newcastle and Alice Springs. Inner city figures for Sydney and Melbourne.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Monthly, no collection in December. Darwin and Alice Springs on a quarterly basis.

### **Method of Collection**

Survey of Institute members. Participation on a voluntary basis with no stratification. Coverage of rental market varies by city.

### **Historical Data**

Commenced in 1978 in major capital cities, 1982 in Newcastle, 1983 in the Gold Coast, 1984 in Hobart/Launceston, and 1986 in Darwin/Alice Springs.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

More detailed information available on request. A charge is levied on data supplied.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publications:**

*Market Facts* Available on subscription, \$130 or \$15 per issue. Non current issues \$8.

### **Timeliness**

One month.

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### Description

Residential sales prices and sales breakdown.

### Data Detail

- Sale price of established houses, units and townhouses and vacant land blocks (\$)
- per cent sales inquiries
- per cent sales listings
- per cent sales finance and dwelling sales breakdown available over quarter
- sale price distribution
- established houses (000's) by per cent.

Data generally presented as medians, moving annual medians, and modes.

### Purpose of Data

Analysis of long-term trends in the private residential property market.

### Geographic Coverage

All capital cities as well as Launceston, Newcastle and Alice Springs.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly, no collection in December. Darwin and Alice Springs surveyed on a quarterly basis.

### Method of Collection

Survey of Institute members. Participation is on a voluntary basis with no stratification.

### Historical Data

Commenced in 1978 in major capital cities, 1982 in Newcastle, 1983 in the Gold Coast, 1984 in Hobart/Launceston, and 1986 in Darwin/Alice Springs

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### **Description**

Home loan affordability and median family incomes.

### **Data Detail**

- Average Monthly Loan Repayments.
- Median Weekly Family Income.
- Affordability Ratios.

### **Purpose of Data**

Time series analysis of affordability of new housing loans.

### **Geographic Coverage**

All states and territories as well as Australian figures.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Quarterly.

### **Method of Collection**

Data dissemination of ABS data together with consultancy advice on median incomes.

### **Historical Data**

Commenced in the March quarter 1980 for all states and territories, except the Northern Territory, which commenced in the March quarter 1981.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

More detailed information available on request. A charge is levied on data supplied.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publication:**

*Home Loan Affordability in Australia* \$20 or \$5 per issue.

### **Timeliness**

One quarter (i.e. 3 months)



## Real Estate Institute of Western Australia

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Subiaco WA 6008  
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Fax: (09) 381 9260

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Research Officer  
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### Description

Sales data.

### Data Detail

Sales of all Multi Listings Service (MLS) property by structure, asking price, selling price, days on market, rooms, location.

### Purpose of Data

To assist members with valuation and market appraisals of property.

### Geographic Coverage

Metropolitan Perth.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

MLS members' sales data on over 14 000 dwellings sold p.a.

### Historical Data

Data available from 1956.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available to all MLS and REIWA members, Valuers AIV (Inc.) and government departments.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publications:

*Real Estate Institute of Western Australia - Monthly sales summary* Available on subscription \$12.50 per month.

### Timeliness

4 to 5 weeks.

## Realty Research, Qld

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Fax: (07) 822 1021

**Contact**  
Doug Murphy  
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### Description

#### Building Approvals.

Analysis and detail of residential (including multiple dwellings and mobile homes), commercial, industrial and institutional jobs. Emphasis is on market research. Capability to analyse improvements, swimming pools/spas, garages/carports exists too.

### Data Detail

Tables show builder names (in rank order of job numbers), suburbs/locality rankings, builders ranked within price categories and changes in total market structure and components. Tables focus on numbers and values of approvals (plus floor areas, construction materials, etc. where available). Some table formats are standardised, however the data base can be used to generate tables especially to meet client requirements.

### Purpose of Data

Tables are designed to complement ABS tables; they are used for market research, market monitoring and target marketing purposes.

### Geographic Coverage

Taree - Tamworth - Roma - Mount Isa - Port Douglas.

Minimum level of disaggregation is the suburb/locality. These can be aggregated to create LGA's, post code areas, Statistical Districts or Divisions and non standard areas like suppliers market areas.

### Frequency of Collection

This can be tailored to client requirements; down to weekly where urgency is required. Most tables are produced monthly, some quarterly. Most supplied on a subscription basis.

### Method of Collection

Government administrative by-product collection.

### Historical Data

1985 - present

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Information and statistics are supplied on an exclusive use, confidential basis.

### Dissemination Media

Hard copy.

Some reports are available on a subscription basis. The capacity exists to meet clients exact requirements.

### Timeliness

Minimum one week, mostly 3 - 4 weeks.

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### Description

Analysis of Queensland Housing Commission Successful Tenders.

### Data Detail

Data is collected on all jobs whose tenders are accepted by Executive Council. It includes QHC designed projects as well as all house - land packages. The major orientation is dwelling construction.

### Purpose of Data

To assist in making contact with builders development of tenders.

### Geographic Coverage

Queensland.

### Frequency of Collection

Weekly.

### Method of Collection

An administrative by-product.

### Historical Data

N/A.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Not stated

### Dissemination Media

Hard copy.

### Timeliness

This is the earliest source for this type of information.

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### Description

Keywords, cross reference & index system to Town Planning Appeals to the Local Government Court in Queensland.

### Data Detail

The system is colour coded and arranged in various ways to direct attention to the subject of the appeal (eg. service stations or shopping centre, etc.), the nature of the appeal (rezoning, etc.), respondents' and appellants' names plus the appeal number.

### Purpose of Data

- To identify particular appeals with only a small amount of information;
- To find precedent cases;
- To monitor the history of particular issues (eg. appeals on conditions attached to subdivisions or rezonings);
- To ensure acquaintance with current appeals and their outcome; and
- To permit statistical analysis of local authority performance.

### Geographic Coverage

Queensland.

### Frequency of Collection

Quarterly.

A consolidated publication occurs yearly with intervening updates.

### Method of Collection

Prepared directly from Court judgements and supplemented with information from Local Authorities if necessary.

### Historical Data

1980 - present.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Information and statistics are supplied on an exclusive use, confidential basis.

### Dissemination Media

Hard copy supplied on a subscription basis.

### Timeliness

As required.

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### **Description**

Population and household projections on a small area basis.

### **Data Detail**

ABS population estimates are projected using the cohort component technique where population size permits. These projections are used as an input to project household numbers. Internal data (building approvals and land sales) are used to analyse small areas and provide complementary data to double check assumed migration levels; it provides too, disaggregation in areas not disaggregated by ABS. Town Planning information and capability is introduced to check capacity of a small area to absorb further development. Non standard areas including parts of CD's can be analysed and aggregated to form particular market areas.

### **Purpose of Data**

Forecasting population or households (or dwelling numbers) is used for all demand oriented purposes (e.g. shopping centres or service stations), transportation, water demands and other utility requirements. It is an important input into preparation of town planning schemes.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Queensland, but possibly in other States or Territories.

### **Frequency of Publication**

On request. Hard copy, tape or floppy disk.

### **Method of Collection**

ABS and other publications data, Realty Research internal data, Realty Research forecasts.

### **Historical Data**

N/A.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information and statistics are supplied on an exclusive use, confidential basis.

### **Dissemination Media**

N/A.

### **Timeliness**

N/A.

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### **Description**

Vacant Residential Land Sales.

### **Data Detail**

Data coverage includes prices, rates of sale, buyer origins and zonings. Capability exists to analyse particular markets, e.g. 'wet' (canal or lake frontages, etc.), rural residential. Information includes matrices and longitudinal analyses.

### **Purpose of Data**

Market research (a basis for economic feasibility analysis), market monitoring, valuation purposes, development of sales as a basis to ascertain security in lending, identification of market opportunities and a base to design surveys.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Land sale coverage includes Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Greater Brisbane areas. Capability exists to cover Queensland and New South Wales. Minimum area of coverage is the suburb/locality.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Monthly and Quarterly publications.

### **Method of Collection**

Valuer Generals' Department.

### **Historical Data**

1983 - present

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information and statistics are supplied on an exclusive use, confidential basis.

### **Dissemination Media**

Hard copy. Some series are available on a subscription basis; capacity exists to meet clients exact requirements.

### **Timeliness**

Minimum three weeks. Some services purposely delayed to ensure data accumulation to achieve higher levels of accuracy.

## **Rental Bond Board, NSW**

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**Contact**  
J. Brookes  
Project Manager  
Telephone: (02) 266 8514

### **Description**

Rental statistics.

### **Data Detail**

Rental bonds held, average rents for tenancies commenced and average length of tenancy on a quarterly basis by bedroom classification, postcode group, and local government authority.

### **Purpose of Data**

To determine rental trends and assist Government policy and decision making in the private rental market.

### **Geographic Coverage**

New South Wales.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Quarterly.

### **Method of Collection**

Rental bonds collected.

### **Historical Data**

Commenced in 1979.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information on individual tenancies classified as confidential.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publications:**

*Rental Bond Board NSW - Annual Report*

*Rent Review*

### **Timeliness**

*Annual Report* - 3 months

*Rent Review* - 6 weeks.

**Reserve Bank of Australia**

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Sydney NSW 2001  
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Fax: (02) 551 8000

**Description**

Credit to the private sector by financial intermediaries: Housing.

**Data Detail**

The total value of housing loans outstanding (\$m) for owner occupation and investment of banks, plus housing loans outstanding for owner occupation of building societies and other corporations registered under the Financial Corporations Act, 1974.

**Geographic Coverage**

Australia.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Data are provided by banks under the Banking Act and permanent building societies and certain other intermediaries under the Financial Corporations Act, 1974.

**Historical Data**

Monthly data are published back to January 1985 in the *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publication:**

*Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* table D.5.

**Timeliness**

7 weeks.



## Reserve Bank of Australia

GPO Box 3947  
Sydney NSW 2001  
Telephone: (02) 551 8111  
Fax: (02) 551 8000

### Description

Interest rates on new housing loans for owner occupation charged by banks and permanent building societies.

### Data Detail

Interest rates are at end-month. For banks, the predominant rate on new variable rate loans is shown. For permanent building societies, the interest rate is the weighted average charged for new loans of \$45,000, for a large sample of building societies.

### Purpose of Data

Banks and permanent building societies are the largest sources of home loan finance. The interest rates charged by these financial institutions affect the demand for home finance.

### Geographic Coverage

All States and Territories.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Banks advise the Reserve Bank as changes occur to the interest rates charged on new home loans. For permanent building societies, the Reserve Bank obtains the interest rate on a new housing loan of \$45,000 from a large sample of building societies. The rates are weighted by total housing loans outstanding for each society. Preliminary figures are checked against returns lodged by the societies under the Financial Corporations Act, 1974.

### Historical Data

Longer runs of data are published in the December issues of the *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* and for banks in Reserve Bank of Australia Occasional Paper 8A 'Australian Economic Statistics'.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Data on individual banks or societies are not available.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* table F3 and F4.

### Timeliness

3 weeks.

## Reserve Bank of Australia

GPO Box 3947  
Sydney NSW 2001  
Telephone: (02) 551 8111  
Fax: (02) 551 8000

### Description

Bank housing loans:

- Owner - occupied
- Other (mainly for investment)

### Data Detail

All housing loans outstanding (\$m) secured on land in Australia (i.e. includes loans for non-owner occupied housing).

### Purpose of Data

To show the amount of lending by banks for housing.

### Geographic Coverage

Australia.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Returns submitted under the *Banking Act, 1959*.

### Historical Data

September 1960.

### Dissemination Media

Publication:

*Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* table B.4.

Housing loans for owner occupation by individual bank are shown in Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin table B14.

### Timeliness

7 weeks.

**Roy Western Limited**

**Level 1**

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Fax: (09) 321 2650

**Contact**

Sue Glenister

The Secretary to the Chairman of Directors

Telephone: (09) 481 0700

**Description**

Sales by franchise estate agency.

**Data Detail**

Number of sales by type and price range and first/subsequent home buyer, values and ratios.

**Geographic Coverage**

Statewide Roy Western offices in Western Australia.

**Frequency Of Collection**

Monthly.

**Method of Collection**

Sales by franchise holders. A sample from 41 franchise real estate offices. Around 1000 sale per month (total).

**Historical Data**

Commenced in 1983. Copies held indefinitely.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Not confidential, issued on request.

**Dissemination Media**

**Publications:**

*Roy Western - Monthly news release* Available on request

**Timeliness**

Issued within one month after end of month.

## South Australian Gas Company

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Adelaide SA 5000  
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Fax: (08) 231 1370

Contact  
Mr Robert Price  
Sales Manager  
New Homes Division  
Telephone: (08) 217 5236

### Description

New dwellings orders, unsold newly constructed dwellings.

### Data Detail

Tables and measurement units.

### Purpose of Data

Sales and performance measurement of contract and speculative dwellings.

### Geographic Coverage

Gas Reticulated Area (slightly smaller than the Adelaide Statistical Division).

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Method of Collection

Surveying council dwelling approvals and approaching individual builders, and builder owners.

### Historical Data

Data is collected two weeks from the end of the previous month and is stored on disk. Data is available from 1982 onwards.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available to builders, gas appliance manufacturers and other gas utilities.

### Dissemination Media

Not formally published.

### Timeliness

Not formally published.

## South Australian Housing Trust

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Adelaide SA 5001  
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**Contact**  
Donna Behrens-Peters  
Management Information Office  
Corporate Development Section  
Telephone: (08) 207 0141

### Description

Assistance programmes for private tenants.

### Data Detail

- Rent Relief Scheme - source of income of current recipients, rent as a proportion of income of current recipients before and after assistance.
- Emergency Housing Office - clients interviewed, information/advice only, total number assisted, pool house stock, pool house lettings, financial assistance (number and value (\$) of bonds and other assistance).
- Housing improvements - Total declarations made on substandard housing, total declarations revoked.
- Rent control - Total rents fixed on substandard housing, total rents revised.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*South Australian Housing Trust in Focus*

Produced at the end of each financial year and contains most key statistics. Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

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### Contact

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Management Information Office

Corporate Development Section

Telephone: (08) 207 0141

### Description

Housing programmes in partnership with others.

### Data Detail

- Joint ventures - number of units commenced, completed and under construction.
- Co-operative Housing Program - total units acquired, total stock.
- Community Housing Associations Program - total units acquired, total stock.
- Community Tenancy Scheme - client groups.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

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### Description

Housing market.

### Data Detail

- Projections of number of total households to 2001.
- Average private rents (\$) - houses and flats.
- Average price of houses sold - \$, % increase.
- Housing loans approved for owner occupation - purpose of loan, number, value (\$'000).
- Housing interest rates - saving banks, building societies.
- Home purchase costs - average price (\$), loans (\$), interest rate (%), weekly loan repayments, average weekly earnings, repayments as a percentage of AWE.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level, Adelaide only for house prices and purchase costs.

### Method of Collection

Statistics compiled from figures provided by the SA Department of Lands, ABS, State Bank of South Australia, Hindmarsh Adelaide Building Society, and Department of Environment and Planning.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

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### Description

Housing supply.

### Data Detail

A variety of statistics are kept that relate to the housing supply activities of the Trust. These include:

- Total dwellings approved for construction.
- Total dwelling commencements by unit type and location (suburb).
- Total dwelling completions by unit type and location (suburb).
- Total nett gain from existing stock being converted.
- Land development activity
  - total allotments approved
  - total allotments commenced
  - total allotments completed.
- Total area of land sold by value (\$) by location.
- Total land purchases made by value (\$) by location.
- Total number of units purchased from the private market for rental purposes (i.e. spot purchase).
- Rental stock - number, type and location of dwelling stock.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level, some statistics are detailed at the suburb level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*South Australian Housing Trust in Focus*

Produced at the end of each financial year and contains most key statistics. Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.



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### Description

Industrial and commercial statistics.

### Data Detail

- Value of land sales (\$).
- Area of land sold.
- Value of development commenced (\$).

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*South Australian Housing Trust in Focus*

Produced at the end of each financial year and contains most key statistics. Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

## South Australian Housing Trust

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**Contact**  
Donna Behrens-Peters  
Management Information Office  
Corporate Development Section  
Telephone: (08) 207 0141

### Description

Programmes to assist home ownership.

### Data Detail

- Mortgage Relief Scheme - source of income of recipients- employed, aged pension, supporting parents' benefit, unemployment benefit, other, total.
- Mortgage Relief Scheme - house payments as a % of income - prior to MR, after MR.
- Interest Rate Protection Scheme - number of applications and approvals.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

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### Description

Rental demand and housing need.

### Data Detail

- Housing Trust rental applicants - numbers working, non-working, main source of income, applicant/household income, household type, location requested.
- Housing trust waiting list - numbers working, non-working.
- Tenants housed - number, percentage of applicants, percentage paying reduced rents, new tenant household income, tenants income as a percentage of AWE, main source of income, household type, income distribution of new tenants.

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level, local government area level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

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### Description

Trust funding.

### Data Detail

- Funding - Commonwealth funds, State funds.
- Typical Trust rents.

### Geographic Coverage

Metropolitan area and country.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

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### Description

Trust rental activities.

### Data Detail

- Priority housing - number of referrals, approvals, allocations.
- Aboriginal housing - housing allocations and persons on waiting list, % increase.
- Housing for non-aged singles - number of applications and allocations.
- Housing for youth - number of applications and allocations.
- Housing for unemployed persons - number of applications and allocations.
- Housing for aged persons - number of applications and allocations.
- Housing for single parents - number of applications and allocations.
- House Sales Scheme and Progressive Purchase Plan.

Various socio-economic characteristics are stored on computer. Statistics kept include certain details of the applicant, tenant, purchaser, and recipients

- age
- sex
- marital status
- income
- household structure
- source of income
- area housed/requested
- type of housing requested/provided

### Geographic Coverage

At the State wide level, and local government area level.

### Method of Collection

Compiled from internal records.

### Historical Data

Most key statistics are available for the previous five years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*South Australian Housing Trust in Focus*

Produced at the end of each financial year and contains most key statistics. Available on request from the Corporate Development Section of the Housing Trust.

**St. George Building Society, NSW**

36-38 Ormonde Parade  
Hurstville NSW 2220  
Telephone: (02) 570 0322

**Description**

Basic financial details of operations.

**Frequency of Collection**

Annually.

**Method of Collection**

Internal operations data.

**Dissemination Media**

Publications:

*St. George Building Society - Annual report.*

## **St. George Building Society, NSW**

36-38 Ormonde Parade  
Hurstville NSW 2220  
Telephone: (02) 570 0322

### **Description**

Lending statistics.

### **Data Detail**

- Value of loans.
- Lending by dwelling type.
- Proportion of first home buyers.
- Borrowers - weekly income, age, average loan, average repayment.
- Occupation.
- House prices and average loan size by area.
- Lending by type of dwelling.
- Loan to valuation ratio.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Sydney and NSW; separate data for ACT.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Quarterly.

### **Method of Collection**

Internal operations data.

### **Historical Data**

Commenced in 1981 or 1982.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

This society supplies its monthly operating statement on a confidential basis to the Permanent Building Societies Association.

## State Bank of South Australia

GPO Box 399  
Adelaide SA 5001  
Telephone: (08) 210 4411  
Fax: (08) 210 5494

Contact  
Manager  
Research and Development  
Credit Services  
Telephone: (08) 210 4759

### Description

Statistical data relating to housing loan approvals.

### Data Detail

- Loan Amount.
- Interest rate.
- Term of loan.
- Type of loan (e.g Low Start, New Start, land/build).
- Construction type (new, established, to be erected).
- Whether home additions.
- Whether first home.
- Whether home unit.
- Age of applicant.
- Whether mortgage protection insurance taken.

### Purpose of Data

To provide research information for product management and planning, and statistical information for management and various government departments.

### Geographic Coverage

Separate information can be extracted for loans approved in South Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

### Frequency of Collection

Data is collected daily and reported as required.

### Method of Collection

Data is taken direct from the loan applications and input to a P.C. database.

### Historical Data

Initial data collection began in January 1987, however various fields have been added or deleted as required from time to time. Basic number/amount of approvals is available from 1984.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Details of individual loans or data which will identify individual loans are not available, however averages or totals are usually available upon request.

### Dissemination Media

Prepared reports

Computer printouts

Cost would depend on amount and detail of information required.

### Timeliness

Statistics are released as at the end of each month and are usually available within one week of that date.



**State Bank of Victoria**

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Melbourne VIC 3000  
Telephone: (03) 604 7000  
Fax: (03) 678 7413

**Contact**  
Mimo Aloisi  
Senior Manager - R.B.A. Control Section  
Finance and Accounting Department  
Telephone: (03) 678 7353

**Description**

Loan statistics.

**Data Detail**

Various statistics on new lending.

**Purpose of Data**

Data is collected for managerial analysis and strategic planning; to monitor performance; and to comply with statutory reporting requirements.

**Geographic Coverage**

The data collected represents housing finance provided to customers of State Bank of Victoria throughout this State.

**Frequency of Collection**

Monthly.

**Historical Data**

Information is easily obtainable for 1st July 1985 onwards. Data prior to this date have been archived.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

The State Bank of Victoria provides the statutory authorities with regular information. Individual requests for information may be considered on application.

**Dissemination Media**

Various.

## **Town and Country Planning Commission, TAS**

39 Murray Street  
Hobart TAS 7000  
Telephone: (002) 30 2407  
Fax: (002) 34 8730

**Contact**  
Mr Rob Nolan  
Telephone: (002) 30 3381

### **Description**

Details of subdivision of land, as approved by local government authorities in Tasmania

### **Data Detail**

Lots approved, lots on final plans, size of lots, zoning

### **Purpose of Data**

Monitor subdivision activity, measure lot creations against lot consumption (Building data), planning

### **Geographic Coverage**

Certificate, strata title, AMG centroid, suburb, LGA, state

### **Frequency of Collection**

on going

### **Method of Collection**

Returns from LGA

### **Historical Data**

Data file established July 1987.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Availability constrained by workload and priorities of the office

### **Dissemination Media**

Print out and floppy

### **Timeliness**

Data is not published.

## Valuer General, NT

Australian Valuation Office  
GPO Box 4346  
Darwin NT  
Telephone: (089) 46 0650  
Fax: (089) 46 0653

**Contact**  
Regional Manager  
Telephone: (089) 46 0651

### Description

Total of sales (numbers and values) of residential, detached houses, home units and residential land in main towns of the NT.

### Data Detail

Tables of volume, total value for month, average value for month, progressive yearly average and number.

### Purpose of Data

Market information for use by this office, NT Government and Australian Bureau of Statistics.

### Geographic Coverage

Darwin, Nightcliff, Sanderson, Hundred of Bagot, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

### Frequency of Collection

Published monthly.

### Method of Collection

Manual collection from monthly computer sales listings. Covers all real estate sales in NT. Excludes known non-market transactions. Considered accurate and reliable within its limits.

### Historical Data

Data held from 1979 - incorporated into Annual Reports of Department.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

Non confidential but supplied on need to know basis to Government and semi-Government organisations - including Australian Bureau of Statistics, Darwin.

### Dissemination Media

Computer printout

### Timeliness

Approximately 3 weeks.

## **Valuer General's Department, NSW**

Remington Centre  
175 Liverpool Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
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Fax: (02) 286 7335

**Contact**  
Kerry Lister  
Telephone: (02) 286 74649

### **Description**

Residential cottage sites, 3 bedroom cottages, home unit sites and home units in Sydney and country areas.

### **Data Detail**

Various cross classifications of data including:

- Year.
- Capital Value.
- C.P.I.
- Locality.
- Dimensions.
- Cottage construction (i.e. materials).
- Increase in price over previous year.

### **Purpose of Data**

Provision of information on trends in real estate market values.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Sydney, Hunter, Illawarra and Central Coast by locality. Country and Coastal cities and towns.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Annually.

### **Method of Collection**

Notices of sale to the Department.

### **Historical Data**

Data available from 1976, some earlier data available from 1967 for cottages and cottage sites.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions on information published. Additional data are not available.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publications:**

*NSW Real Estate Market*

### **Timeliness**

Information published up to 1989, 7 months delay to 1990 publication.

## **Valuer General's Department, NSW**

Remington Centre  
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Sydney NSW 2000  
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**Contact**  
Kerry Lister  
Telephone: (02) 286 74649

### **Description**

Single dwelling sites.

### **Data Detail**

Various cross classifications of data including:

- Year.
- Land Value.
- Locality.
- Dimensions.
- Increase in price over previous year.

### **Purpose of Data**

Provision of information on trends in real estate market values.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Sydney, Hunter, Illawarra and Central Coast by locality. Country and coastal cities and towns.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Annually.

### **Method of Collection**

Notices of sale to the Department.

### **Historical Data**

Data available from 1976, some earlier data available from 1967.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

No restrictions on information published. Additional data are not available.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publications:**

*NSW Real Estate Market*

### **Timeliness**

Information published up to 1989, 7 months delay to 1990 publication.

## Department of Lands, Qld

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Contact  
Manager  
Client Services Branch  
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### Description

Sales, ownership data and statistical data.

### Data Detail

- Individual sales record.
- Sales listing.
- Individual ownership/valuation.
- Summary sales statistics - the number of sales and average prices for houses, vacant land, commercial/industrial or home unit properties in six month groups for each Town/Suburb/Locality in the Local Authority selected for the last two years.
- Matrix sales statistics - a more detailed breakdown of vacant, house and home unit sales into selections of sale price and land area in quarterly periods for one year for the area selected.
- Ownership/valuation listing.
- Street index - property addresses, listed alphabetically within a Valuation District.
- Strata and Group Titles Index - valuation number details both alphabetically by building name and numerically by building unit or Group Title Plan number, for Queensland.
- Extract of an entry on the Valuation Roll.
- Change of ownership details.

### Purpose of Data

As an accurate and up to date record of property sales and ownership in Queensland.

### Geographic Coverage

Minimum areas dealt with by computer are towns or suburbs.

### Frequency of Collection

Monthly.

### Historical Data

Vacant land sales are held for the last three years and all other sales for two years.

### Level of Confidentiality/Availability

All applications must be in writing on the prescribed form. The Valuer-General is not a land registering authority and accepts no liability whatsoever for the accuracy of the information contained on computerised printouts.

### Dissemination Media

#### Publication:

*Valuer-General's Department Products Booklet*

Computer printout

## **Valuer General's Office, Vic**

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Melbourne VIC 3000  
Telephone: (03) 603 8200

**Contact**  
Statistics Officer  
Research Section  
Telephone: (03) 603 8197

### **Description**

Statistics are compiled from all real estate sold during a calendar year.

### **Data Detail**

For each of the 44 land use types which comprise the 4 main property categories, i.e. Residential, Commercial, Rural and Industrial, the following statistical information is available:

- Number of sales.
- Mean value.
- Median value.
- Median price per square metre or hectare.
- Median block size.
- Land price indices.

Histogram data for certain property types is also available.

### **Purpose of Data**

To provide a comprehensive performance guide for all categories of real estate.

### **Geographic Coverage**

Metropolitan and country aggregates.  
Local government areas and suburbs.

### **Frequency of Collection**

Annual or quarterly.

### **Method of Collection**

Based on records of all property sales, as notified by property vendors.

### **Historical Data**

All data are available from 1974 onwards. All data, excluding median values, are available from 1972 onwards.

### **Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Quarterly data are available on request at variable price.

### **Dissemination Media**

#### **Publications:**

*Property Sale Statistics, Victoria* Price approximately \$20.

**Computer Printout** - Price dependant on amount and detail of data required.

**Histogram detail** - Available on computer printout at variable price.

### **Timeliness**

6 months, i.e. calendar year statistics are usually published in June of the following year.

## The Valuer General, Tas

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Hobart TAS 7000  
Telephone: (002) 30 3714  
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Contact  
Mr S J Crane  
Executive Officer (Research)  
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**Name of Collection**  
Valtax Database.

### Description

Property details, improvement description and valuation history of all privately owned or Crown leased land in the State.

### Data Detail

200,000 properties classified by:

- municipality.
- location.
- street name.
- street number.
- property area (land size).
- description of improvements (structures etc.).
- building size.
- year of construction (main building).
- wall material.
- roof material.
- local government zoning area.
- land use code (Valuer-General's codes).
- date of inspection.
- Land Value (value of the land as vacant).
- Capital Value (value of total asset).
- Assessed Annual Value (annual gross rental value).
- Real property title reference (not full coverage).
- plan and lot numbers (not full coverage).
- owners' surname.
- owners' given names.
- owners' postal address.
- lessee's name (where applicable).
- lessee's postal address.
- date of sale of the property.
- sale price.
- map reference to 1:25,000 series (where available).
- map reference to 1:5,000 series (where available).

### Purpose of Data

To provide valuations to Local Government Authorities and State Taxation for rating and taxing of property owner.

### Geographic Coverage

The State of Tasmania.

### Frequency of Collection

On a cyclical basis usually of 5 years. Special inspections are made where a property is subdivided or the existing improvements are altered.

### Method of Collection

Actual physical inspections.



**Historical Data**

Manual records from 1950 - 30 June 1984.

Computer records from 1 July 1984 - present.

All historical data are retained.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Information may be purchased by the General Public on any property in the State.

Allied professions may purchase listings, usually of sales details.

Certain restrictions are placed on the use of the data (e.g. listings are not provided for the purpose of soliciting business).

**Dissemination Media**

Hard copy Valuation Roll (provided to Local Government), computer printout, magnetic tape, floppy disk.

**Timeliness**

Valuation details approximately 5 years.

Ownership details approximately 30 days.

**Valuer General's Office, WA**

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Perth WA 6000  
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**Description**

Valuation System

**Data Detail**

Number of Gross Rental Values per Local Government.  
Number of Unimproved Values per Local Government.  
Total value of Gross Rental Values per Local Government.  
Total value of Unimproved Values per Local Government.  
Comparative numbers and Gross Rental Values by land use e.g. residential, industrial, commercial and farmland.

**Geographic Coverage**

State of Western Australia with individual statistics for each Local Government Area.

**Frequency of Collection**

Live data, regularly up-dated.

**Method of Collection**

Values are assessed and inputted into the Valuation System.

**Historical Data**

Computerised Valuation System in existence since 1987

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

Valuation Roll- Individual assessments available to public for small fee.  
Full Valuation Roll - Available to approved organisations on request.

**Dissemination Media**

Not a general publication but a data source.

**Timeliness**

2 to 3 weeks.

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### Description

The Board maintains a Land Availability Data System (LADS) which is the only broad based data bank that monitors land development from broadacres to completed dwellings.

LADS provides valuable information on

- future land stocks.
- existing land holdings.
- land ownership patterns.
- land sales and subdivisions.
- development rates.

### Data Detail

- Broadacre parcels available and capable of subdivision
- Broadacre announced for release
- Number and area by size categories by sector of ownership.
- Details on land development.
- Building lots & dwellings resulting from development.
- Number by Category of lot (standard, small, single dwelling, multi-dwelling).

### Purpose of Data

LADS promotes efficient public planning by aiding in the determination and timely release of lands within the framework of the government's Housing Programme.

LADS is also essential to the Board's internal business operations, especially with regards to planning future expansion. It helps to minimise the impact of future land releases on the Board's resources, encourage the optimisation of existing facilities, and determine urban development strategies.

LADS data is also provided to the following government agencies:

- Land Co-ordination Unit (Premiers Dept).
- Department of Planning.
- Department of Housing.

It is also planned in the near future to make information available to developers and other private sector organisations involved in land development.

### Geographic Coverage

The Board's area of operations covers the Sydney Metropolitan Area, Blue Mountains and Illawarra.

LADS currently collates statistics for Urban Development Programme (UDP) areas in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. It is intended in the near future to expand this coverage to all areas of the Board's operations and to extend systems to non-UDP areas in the long term.

### Frequency of Publication

Quarterly, or on request.

**Method of Collection**

Initial zoning and land use data are provided by the Department of Planning.

The majority of other data are collated from information collected as part of the Board's internal operating systems, e.g. all building applications must be approved by the Board, as must all applications to develop (service) land.

**Historical Data**

Data collection commenced in 1983.

All data is kept and available on request.

**Level of Confidentiality/Availability**

All data collated are not as such confidential, however, the cost and time involved in collating and maintaining this information give it a high intrinsic value.

A pricing policy for the supply of this information has yet to be finalised.

**Dissemination Media**

Data can be supplied on any media as required (hardcopy or online).

Currently data supplied in hardcopy or published format.

Pricing policy yet to be determined.

**Timeliness**

Data are kept up-to-date as part of the Board's internal operations. Generally, data would be no more than six weeks out-of-date.

**Part E**

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